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WHEN I FIRST THOUGHT ABOUT DRAWING THIS STORY, IT WAS ACTUALLY WITH AN "IF I DON'T DRAW IT NOW, I WON'T GET THE CHANCE TO IN THE FUTURE..." ATTITUDE.

I HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO DRAW THIS KIND OF STORY —— ONE WITHOUT THE TYPICAL PLOTLINES OF ROMANCE, BUT A CUTE WORLD WITH ONLY CHILDREN'S VOICES. DRAWING ROMANCE STORIES FOR A LONG TIME CAN BE TIRING AFTER ALL; AND IF I DON'T SWITCH IT UP, I MAY END UP GETTING STUCK AND NEVER BE ABLE TO DRAW ANYTHING AGAIN.. AS FOR CHEETAHS, THEY ARE ANIMALS THAT I PERSONALLY LIKE A LOT.

ORIGINALLY, I HAD DESIGNED SEPARATE STORIES FOR THEM, BUT I WANTED TO DRAW BOTH, SO WHAT COULD I DO? JUST WHEN I WAS TROUBLED OVER THIS, SUDDENLY INSPIRATION HIT —— "JUST DRAW THEM TOGETHER!"

YES! MOVE FORWARD WITH IT AND DRAW!

BUT IT IS EASIER TO THINK OF SOMETHING THAN TO ACTUALLY DO IT! LITTLE KIDS AND ANIMALS ARE A MILLION TIMES MORE DIFFICULT TO DRAW THAN I HAD IMAGINED ~~~

I CAN'T HELP BUT OUTRIGHT SCOLD MYSELF FOR BEING STUPID AND FOOLISH! SOB~~~
ESPECIALLY THOSE DENSE CHEETAH SPOTS.. SO EXHAUSTING TO DRAW ~~~ TOT

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"Legend says - the two tracks of black tear stains on a cheetah's face are left behind due to it missing its mother..."

Five-year-old Jacky picked up a newborn, orphaned baby cheetah in the African grasslands, who, like Jacky, is a motherless child. Jacky thought to himself: "This is a birthday gift for me from my mommy in Heaven!" So Jacky named the baby cheetah, "Ainia" - this is the name of the cheetah who lost its mother in a storybook that Mama used to always read to Jacky when she was still alive... but Jacky's father, with whom he lives in mutual dependence, refuses to let Jacky raise Ainia, because

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BLOOD TYPE O, CANCER
A NATIVE OF TAIPEI, TAIWAN
LOVES CAPPUCCINO THE MOST,
ALONG WITH GOING SIGHTSEEING IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES WITH AN AUTOMATIC CAMERA THAT STILL USES FILMS.

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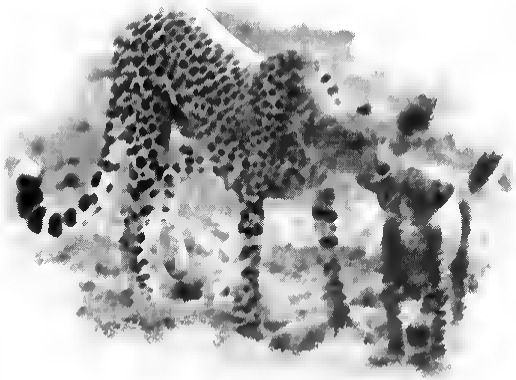
Do you know how the cheetah came to have the two tear-stain-like dark track marks on its face?

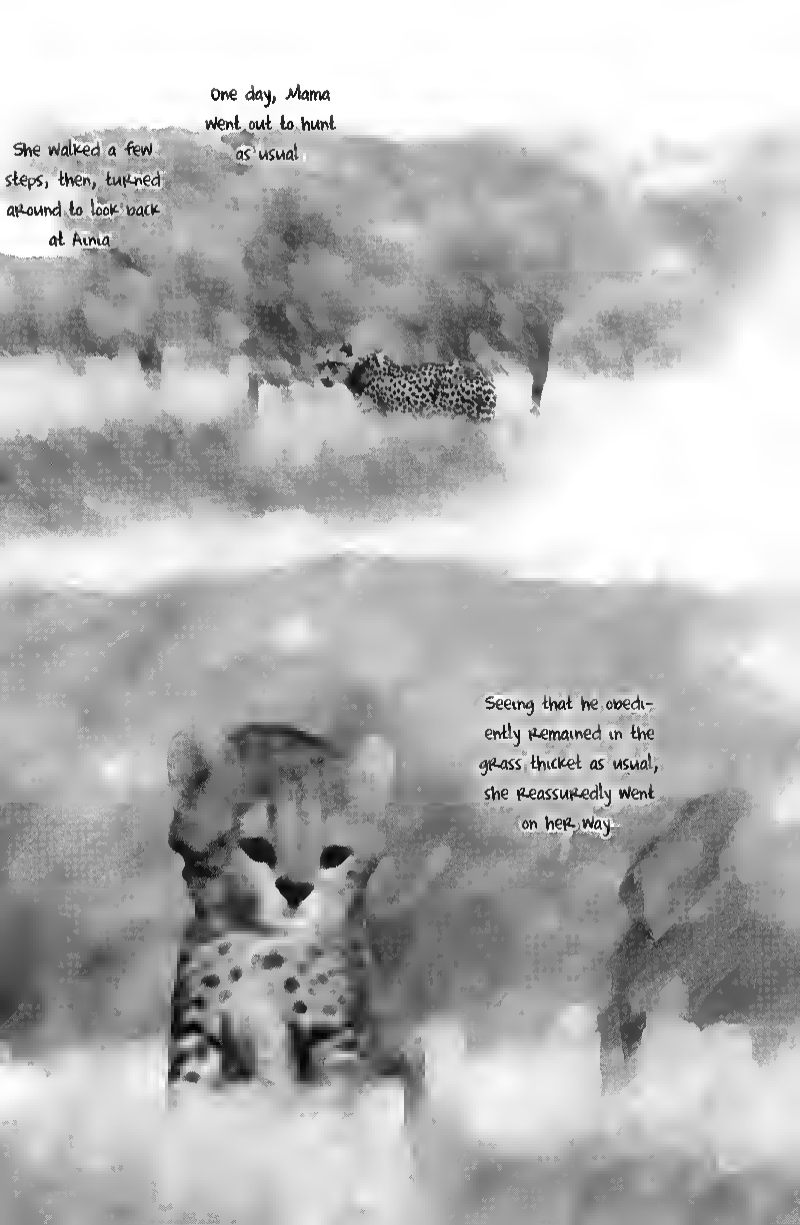
A long, long time ago, in the ancient African continent, a cheetah cub named "Auma" lived with his mother on the vast expanses of the African prairies. Mother and son lived in mutual dependence.

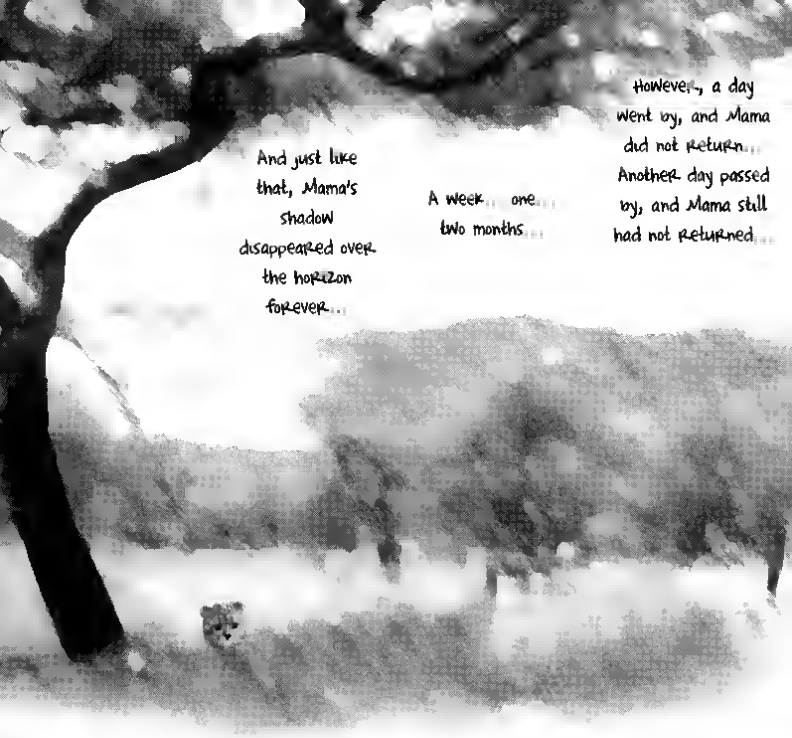
Although Auma didn't have brothers or sisters to play with, as long as he was by his mother's side, he thought he was the most blessed cheetah cub in the entire world.

Mama went out every day to hunt for food, while little Auma obediently stayed in the grass thicket, waiting for Mama to return home with food.



The happiest times for Auma were the moments when he sees Mama's shadow appear over the horizon! Once fed, Mama would help Auma, who gets food all over his face, to wash up and groom, and then they would lie down together for a comfortable nap beneath the shade.


One day, Mama went out to hunt as usual
She walked a few steps, then, turned around to look back at Amia
Seeing that he obediently remained in the grass thicket as usual, she reassuredly went on her way



However, a day went by, and Mama did not return... Another day passed by, and Mama still had not returned...

A week... one... two months...

And just like that, Mama's shadow disappeared over the horizon forever...

Aima waited for his mother in vain, so he cried out of despair... He kept on crying and crying, from morning until night, then from night until morning, and he cried and cried continuously...

He cried until he grew up, cried until he died. And in the end, Mama still had not returned...

The two deep, deep tear stains remained on Ania's face. They were passed down from generation to generation, and came to be marked on every cheetah's face.

...symbolizing a longing and missing for its mother——

SIGH... A MOTHERLESS CHILD IS SO HEARTBREAK-ING
Aima
It is rumored that in a certain extinct African tribal dialect, "Aima" means "tear stains."
YOU GOT IT BACKWARDS!
INSTEAD, IT SHOULD BE, "THE MAMA CHEETAH WAS SO HEARTBROKEN OVER HER LOST CUB THAT SHE CRIED DAY AND NIGHT, THEREBY CREATING THE TEAR STAINS," RIGHT?
(You got it all messed up!)
TYR ACTUALLY, AIMA IS A CHARACTER IN GREEK MYTHOLOGY. AN AMAZON WHO WAS THE ENEMY OF ACHILLES. HER NAME MEANS "SWIFTNESS." AN APPROPRIATE NAME FOR THE CHEETAH, THE FASTEST LAND ANIMAL, WHO CAN ACCELERATE FROM 0 TO 68 MPH IN 3 SECONDS. AH! CAN ATHEN SPEEDS BETWEEN 70 AND 75 MPH. ALSO, THE CHEETAH'S BLACK "TEAR MARKS" ACTUALLY FUNCTIONS TO KEEP SUNLIGHT OUT OF ITS EYES AND TO AID IN HUNTING AH! SEEING LONG DISTANCES.

FORTUNATELY— OUR CHILD WILL NOT FACE SOMETHING THIS TRAGIC
BUT DON'T YOU THINK IT IS SADDER WHEN IT IS A CHILD WHO HAS LOST ITS MOTHER?
A MOTHER CHEETAH WHO LOSES HER CUB WILL SOON BE IN HEAT AGAIN AND MATE
BUT THE CHEETAH CUB WHO LOSES ITS MOTHER CAN ONLY AWAIT DEATH! SO CRUEL!

Jacky
OUCH!
ANOTHER TRAP-WOUNDED CHEETAH WAS ADMITTED
LET'S GO!
IT MAY NEED SURGERY, SO HURRY UP AND COME TO HELP!
Kya
Our Jacky's so super adorable!

YOUR HUBBY WILL CARRY YOU WITH LOVE!
NO PROBLEM!
WAH
EVER SINCE I SPRAINED IT, THIS LEG JUST WON'T HEAL! IT'S SO FRUSTRATING!
OH! YOU GOT HEAVIER!
YOU SHOULD GO ON A DIET!
NOT TRUE! MEANIE!

EVEN IF IT HEALS, THERE IS NO WAY FOR IT TO RETURN TO THE WILD...
LOOK, DAVID!
ITS LEG BONE NEARLY GOT BROKEN THROUGH!
HE SHOULD BE FINE SINCE HE SLEEPS IN THE CRIB!
YOU ARE NOT EVEN AWARE THAT YOUR SON IS AN EXPERT CLIMBER
OH NO!
BESIDES, HE HAS JUST LEARNED HOW TO WALK!
as a father aren't you too absentminded?
Ha ha ha...
I DON'T KNOW IF JACKY HAS WOKEN UP YET.

Jacky?
C.C.C.
How is that possible? I am sure I locked it!
Oh no! The door is open?
JAC—
JACKY—
JACKY—

Even the animal pen is open?
How did this happen?
Oh no!
A mother cheetah with a cub is the most dangerous!

DON'T—
JACKY!
GROWL

JACKY—

Jacky...
my dear,
beloved
child...
Jacky...
Jacky...
Jacky...
Jacky...

TIME TO GET UP! JACKY!
SLEEPY PIG!

Waking up so tired every day...
Falls back asleep
IT'S LIKE THIS EVERY TIME! WAKING YOU UP IS VERY TIRING!
YOU'RE STILL SLEEPING!
QUICKLY, GET DRESSED, BRUSH YOUR TEETH, WASH YOUR FACE, AND EAT BREAKFAST!
WE HAVE TO HURRY OVER TO THE CONSERVATION CENTER OR WE WON'T MAKE IT IN TIME!
HA HA HA HA HA HA ~~~~
FINE! I WILL USE MY DEADLY WEAPON!
HA HA HA HA HA HA ~~~~
TODAY—
AH!
ALSO, TODAY IS YOUR FIFTH BIRTHDAY——

KAKA IS LEAVING TODAY!
UWAAAAA~
UWAAAAA~
UWAAAAA~
WAAAHHHH~
KAKA ~~
KAKA ~~
KAKAAAA~
DON'T GOOOO~
I'LL GO AND TELL PAPA NOT TO GIVE YOU TO THE ZOO IN AMERICAAA~

Kaka is a male cheetah artificially bred by the African Cheetah Conservation Center. Aside from rescuing and treating wounded wild cheetahs, the Cheetah Conservation Center screens for male cheetahs with healthy genes at the same time to establish a gene database. These healthy male cheetahs will be given to cheetah conservation centers and zoos around the world to take on the important task of producing an expanding progeny.
The chosen one this time is one-year-old Kaka.
The place he is going to is the USA San Diego Zoo.
THAT'S ENOUGH! THE CAR IS ALREADY HERE!
HURRY UP AND LET KAKA GET IN THE CAR!
Wahh~~~

But one by one, they have all left....
The conservation center always gives away one to two cheetahs every year. Jacky has stayed by these cheetahs' sides from the moment of their birth. The cheetahs have long since become a part of Jacky's life.
GOODBYE, KAKA! BYE-BYE!
He will soon embark on another important chapter of his life journey on the other side of the world....
VROOM

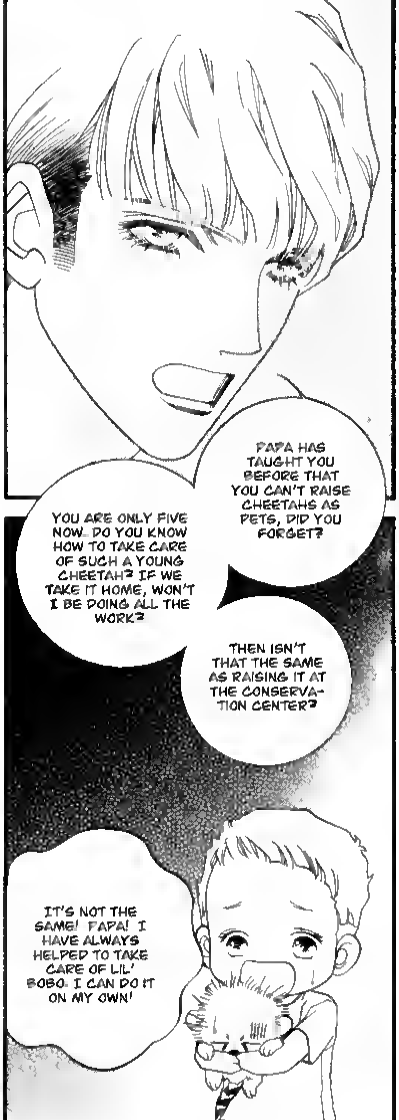
Ever since he was very small, this child has continually lost his closest companions...
KAKA WILL HAVE A VERY GOOD LIFE...
For a time, I was very worried about whether this would create psychological damage in him,
But——

A child's ability to recover is truly shocking!
COME LIL' BOBO*
T/N: It's pronounced "Boo Boo", not "Boo Boo"
DRINK MILK MILK NOW! DELICIOUS MILK MILK!
DRINK UP! IT'S VERY DELICIOUS!
God, a more capable person, come and feed me instead? Please
AH
YOU WILL ONLY GROW BIG IF YOU FINISH DRINKING THIS MILK!
HURRY UP AND DRINK!

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU? DON'T FEED YOUR LEFTOVER MILK TO THE CHEETAH CUBS! YOU JUST DON'T LISTEN!
AAHH
AAHH
Whew! I'm saved!
GIVE IT BAAACK~
THIS IS SPECIALLY BLENDED, BASED ON THE COMPONENTS OF A MOTHER CHEETAH'S MILK
TA-DA!
CHEETAH CUBS MUST DRINK THIS TYPE OF SPE-CIALLY FORMU-LATED MILK INSTEAD!
SO THE CHEETAH CUB CAN GROW UP HEALTHY!
IT IS SUPPLEMENTED WITH ANTIBODIES TO STRENGTHEN THE CHEETAH CUB'S IMMUNE SYSTEM,
You also told me that drinking milk is healthy! So how come Lil' BoBo can't drink it?
Auntie Bodies? What's that?

THAT IS THE KIND OF FEELING WHEN YOUR TUMMY FEELS BAD. YOU WANT TO POOP, BUT CAN'T POOP. AND WHEN YOU DO, YOU POOP OUT WATERY STUFF —
How stress are you?
UNDER-STAND?
For a five-year-old child, "untimeliness" and "indigestion" are a bit obscure...
"INDY GESTURE"? AND WHAT'S THAT?
GO AHEAD AND TRY FEEDING LIL' BOBO COW'S MILK IF YOU'RE NOT AFRAID OF GIVING IT INDIGESTION!
A heartless pair of father and son! I must run for my life...
AS IF!
Aiyaa ~ I drank milk, and have "Indy Gesture" ~~ So don't make me drink milk anymoooore~
SO YOUR TUMMY DOESN'T FEEL GOOD? THEN YOU DON'T HAVE TO EAT BIRTHDAY CAKE OR DRINK COKE TODAY!

PAPA HAS GOOD GENES! Hahahaha hahaha!
I'M OKAY! I AM PAPA'S HEALTHY LITTLE BOY! Hahahaha hahahaha!
HA HA HA HA!
HA HA HA HA!
I WANT TO TAKE LIL' BOBO HOME!
No... I don't wannaaa.. I will die for sure~
Tch! Why am I acting crazy together with this brat?
WHAT KIND OF PRESENT DO YOU WANT THIS YEAR?
THIS —
C.C.C.


PAPA HAS TAUGHT YOU BEFORE THAT YOU CAN'T RAISE CHEETAHS AS PETS, DID YOU FORGET?
YOU ARE ONLY FIVE NOW. DO YOU KNOW HOW TO TAKE CARE OF SUCH A YOUNG CHEETAH? IF WE TAKE IT HOME, WON'T I BE DOING ALL THE WORK?
THEN ISN'T THAT THE SAME AS RAISING IT AT THE CONSERVATION CENTER?
IT'S NOT THE SAME! PAPA! I HAVE ALWAYS HELPED TO TAKE CARE OF LIL' BOBO. I CAN DO IT ON MY OWN!

PAPA, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW VERY SAD I AM EVERY TIME YOU GIVE THEM AWAY,
I HATE TO PART FROM THEM, AND I KEEP CRYING AND CRYING...
IF I RAISE ONE MYSELF,
PAPA... IS THAT OKAY?
THEN I CAN PLAY WITH THEM EVERY DAY, AND I DON'T HAVE TO CRY ANYMORE!

NO!
Three tricks to wanting something
NA-NA--NA-NA-NAAAAY--
Stamp your feet!
I DON'T CARE I DON'T CARE I DON'T CAAARE~
Swing your hands!
YA-YA-YA-YA-YAA---AAAH~
I WANNA I WANNA I WAN-NAAA~
Roll around while throwing a tantrum!
OH-OH-OH-OH--OOOOHH~
I HATE THIS I HATE THIS I HATE THIIIIS ~
When all three tricks are ineffective
HMPH! I WILL GO ASK MOMMY!
WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, TELL MOMMY THAT PAPA WANTS ONE, TOO!

He's mad again... Sigh...
NO WAY!
SLAM
C.C.C.
WE'RE BACK!
THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK WHAT'S THE SITUATION?
THE CHEETAH THAT WAS CAUGHT IN THE TRAP WASN'T HURT, JUST A LITTLE SHAKEN UP,
WHICH IS VERY FORTUNATE
AFTER OUR EXAMINATIONS CONFIRMED THAT IT WAS FINE, WE LET IT GO.

HE...
WHERE'S JACKY?

whoosh
whoosh
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP

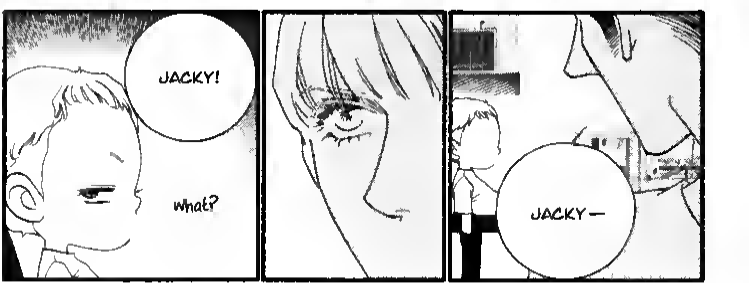
whoosh
whoosh
whoosh
whoosh
I THINK IT'S PERFECTLY FINE TO LET JACKY TAKE A CHEETAH HOME TO RAISE!

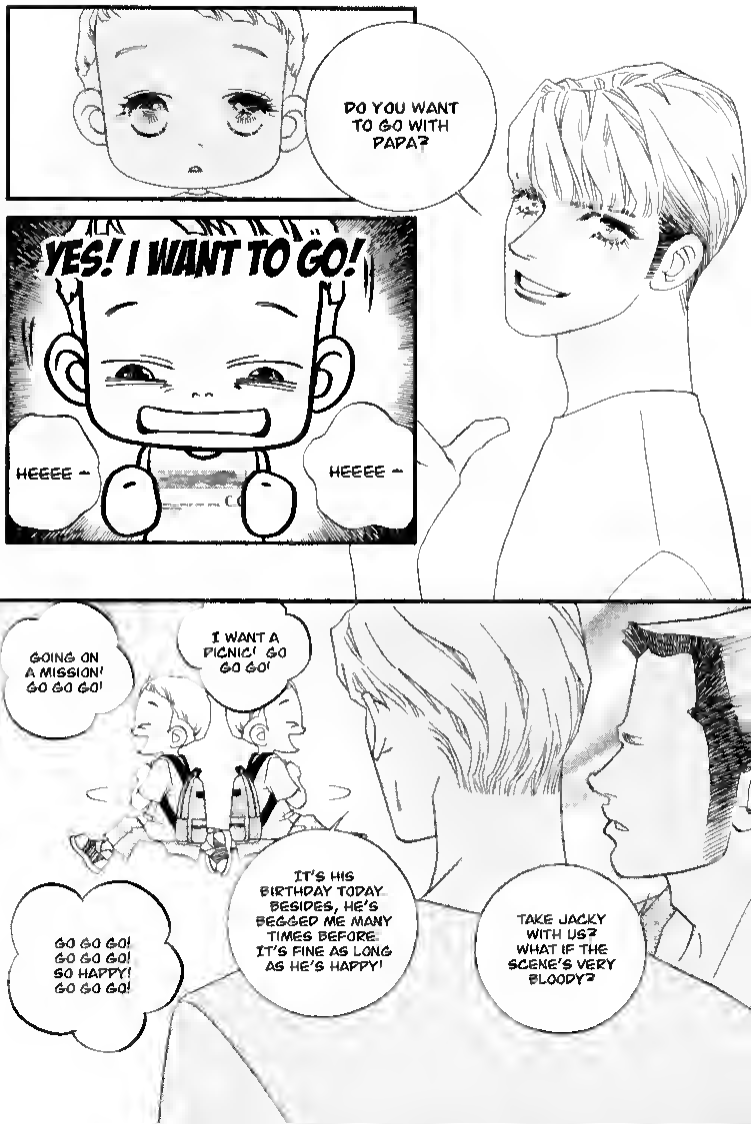
IT'S PRECISELY BECAUSE THESE CHEETAHS ARE RAISED BY HUMANS THAT WE SHOULD NOT IMMERSE THEM INTO OUR FAMILY LIVES
AND EVEN IF THEY ARE RELEASED INTO THE CONSERVATION WILDERNESS ZONE, THEY ARE STILL LIVING UNDER THE CONTROL OF MANKIND
YOU ALSO KNOW THAT CHEETAHS RAISED BY THE CONSERVATION CENTER CANNOT BE RELEASED BACK INTO THE GRASSLANDS
HOW IS THAT ANY DIFFERENT THAN BEING RAISED BY JACKY AT HOME?
ALTHOUGH RELEASING THEM INTO THE WILD WITHIN THE CONSERVATION REGION THAT IS UNDER HUMAN CONTROL IS NOT THE MOST IDEAL CHOICE,
AT THE VERY LEAST, LIVING ON THE OPEN GRASSLANDS CAN PRESERVE SOME OF THEIR INHERENT WILD NATURE
FOR CHEETAHS WHO ARE ON THE VERGE OF EXTINCTION, THAT IS THE MOST PRECIOUS, AND ALSO THE FINAL DIGNITY OF THEIR NATURAL EXISTENCE

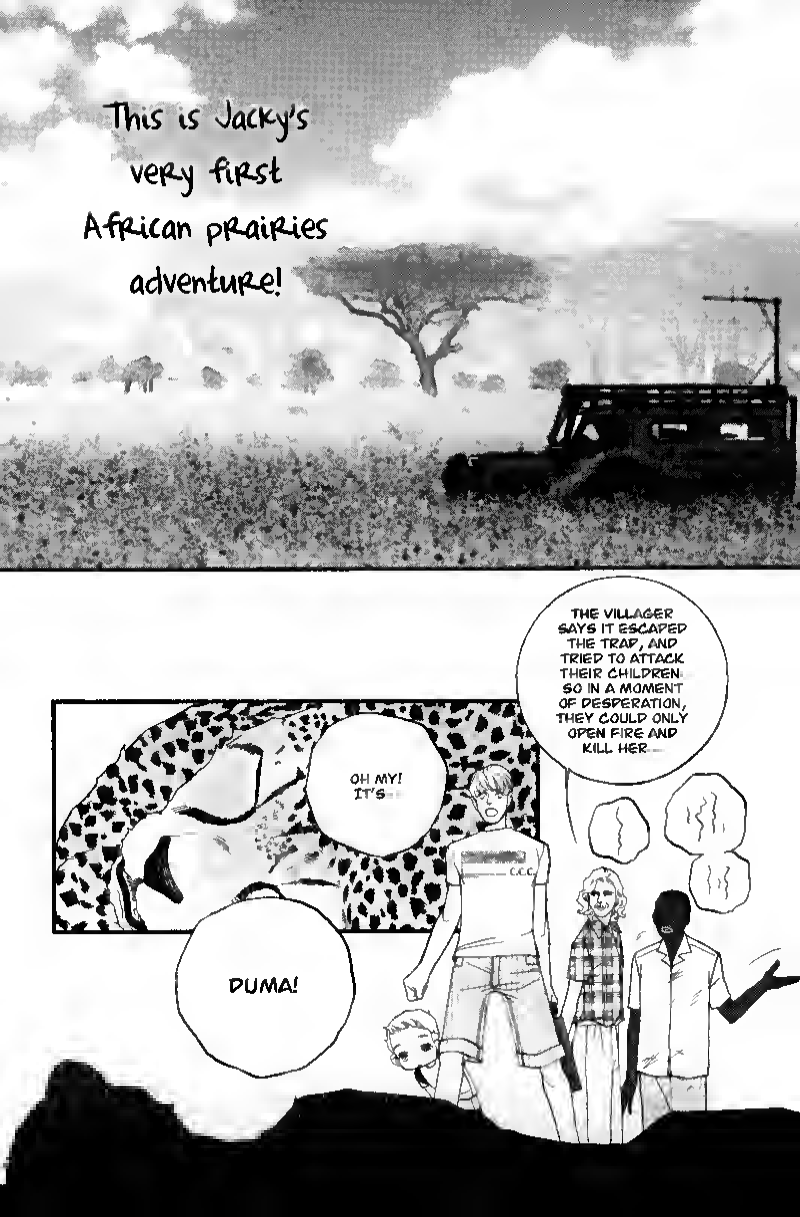
Oh? How'd it go?
Did Mommy say you could keep Lil' BoBo?
humph
humph
humph
THESE IMPORTANT CONCEPTS OF CONSERVATION MUST BE TAUGHT STARTING FROM THEIR CHILDHOOD!
WHEN YOU HAVE CHILDREN OF YOUR OWN, YOU ALSO HAVE TO TEACH THEM LIKE THIS UNDERSTAND?
humph
humph
isn't that too far-fetched?
Tell me! Stingy brat!
humph
humph
humph
CENTER! CENTER! PLEASE ANSWER IF YOU HEAR THIS! OVER!
HMPH!

T/N The Maasai are an indigenous semi-nomadic African ethnic group. The language that they speak is "Maa."

A TRAP CAPTURED CHEETAH WAS DISCOVERED AT MAASAI* COLLECTIVE PASTURELANDS, IT MAY BE WOUNDED
PLEASE DISPATCH WORKERS AT ONCE OVER!
CENTER HERE, PLEASE STATE YOUR REQUEST OVER!
RECEIVED! WE'LL HEAD OUT IMMEDIATELY! OVER!
TOM AND MARK WILL GO WITH ME
NO PROBLEM!
THE OTHERS WILL REMAIN AT THE CENTER
LINCOLN, CONTACT PROFESSOR HOSINSKI IMMEDIATELY TO BE THE TRANSLATOR AT THE PASTURELANDS




DO YOU WANT TO GO WITH PAPA?
YES! I WANT TO GO!
HEEEE ~
HEEEE ~
GOING ON A MISSION! GO GO GO!
I WANT A PICNIC! GO GO GO!
GO GO GO! GO GO GO! SO HAPPY! GO GO GO!
IT'S HIS BIRTHDAY TODAY. BESIDES, HE'S BEGGED ME MANY TIMES BEFORE. IT'S FINE AS LONG AS HE'S HAPPY!
TAKE JACKY WITH US? WHAT IF THE SCENE'S VERY BLOODY?


This is Jacky's very first African prairies adventure!
THE VILLAGER SAYS IT ESCAPED THE TRAP, AND TRIED TO ATTACK THEIR CHILDREN. SO IN A MOMENT OF DESPERATION, THEY COULD ONLY OPEN FIRE AND KILL HER...
OH MY! IT'S...
DUMA!

DUMAZ ISN'T THAT THE ONE THAT CAUSED YOUR WIFE'S UNEXPECTED DEATH FOUR YEARS AGO...
AH... SORRY...
PROFESSOR... SHHH...
Wah! A dead cheetah! It bled so much blood!
THERE'S ONE GUNSHOT WOUND ON ITS BODY, A FATAL WOUND.
FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, SHE JUST GAVE BIRTH NOT LONG AGO, NO MORE THAN A WEEK.
THE BREASTS ARE SWOLLEN AND SECRETING MILK.

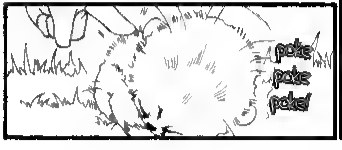
LET'S GO! LET'S GO!
OR ELSE, THE LITTLE BABY WILL DIE!
PAPA, WE HAVE TO HURRY AND FIND THE LITTLE BABY!
JACKY,
THAT MAMA CHEETAH GAVE BIRTH TO A LITTLE BABY?
MAMA CHEETAH DIED, SO WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE LITTLE BABY?
OF COURSE PAPA HOPES TO FIND THE LITTLE BABY, BUT YOU HAVE TO KNOW,
FOR THE SAKE OF SAFETY, MAMA CHEETAH RELOCATES WITH THE LITTLE BABY EVERY DAY
THE AFRICAN RRAIRIES ARE SO BIG THAT FINDING THE LITTLE BABY WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT..
JACKY, GO BACK TO THE CAR FIRST TO WAIT..
WHAT'S WRONG?
TAKE ITS REMAINS BACK TO THE CENTER,
I'LL GO HAVE A TALK WITH THOSE MAASAI PEOPLE.

You are not allowed to pee beneath the tree! There may be leopards on the tree!
Uhhnnn...
Uhhnnn...
Uhhnnn...
You can tell right away that he needs to pee!
You are not allowed to pee in the grass thicket! There may be lions in the grass thicket!
Every time he has to go, he only knows to run around in circles!
WHAT'RE YOU RUNNING AROUND FOR? WHY DON'T YOU HURRY UP AND FIND A PLACE TO PEE?
The pee's about to come oouuttttt...
You are not allowed to pee in the river! There may be crocodiles in the river!
tricktle tricktle

There's something in the grass thicket?
Rustle!
Rustle!
Rustle!
Sighhh~ I feel muuuuch better
Aiyoo!
Shake a biff
Rustle!
Eh?
OR is it a jackal?
A bat?
A caged cat?
A warthog?
WHACK
Hitting like that is dangerous!
Is it a snake?
WHACK
That's the child of a zoologist for you! He knows so many animals!
No little animal ran out!
But the grass thickets are still moving!
Rustle!
I'm more and more curious it'll be very hard for me if I don't sneak a peak
Rustle!

A little baby!
Wah! Wah! Wah! it's a little baby cheetah!

poke!
poke!


poke
poke
poke!

so tiny
It's my first time seeing such a tiny one... it hasn't even opened its eyes yet...

It bit my finger! So cute!
SNIFF SNIFF
BITE
Papa told you just this morning not to feed them milk, and you've already forgotten!
I HAVE SOME YUMMY BISCUITS AND MILK IN MY BAG!
ARE YOU HUNGRY?
WUUHH~
WOOOOHH~
WOOOOHH~

NOTE: A HYENA'S JAW STRENGTH CAN REACH 120 KGS. STRONG ENOUGH TO EVEN SNAP A LION'S LEG IN HALF!

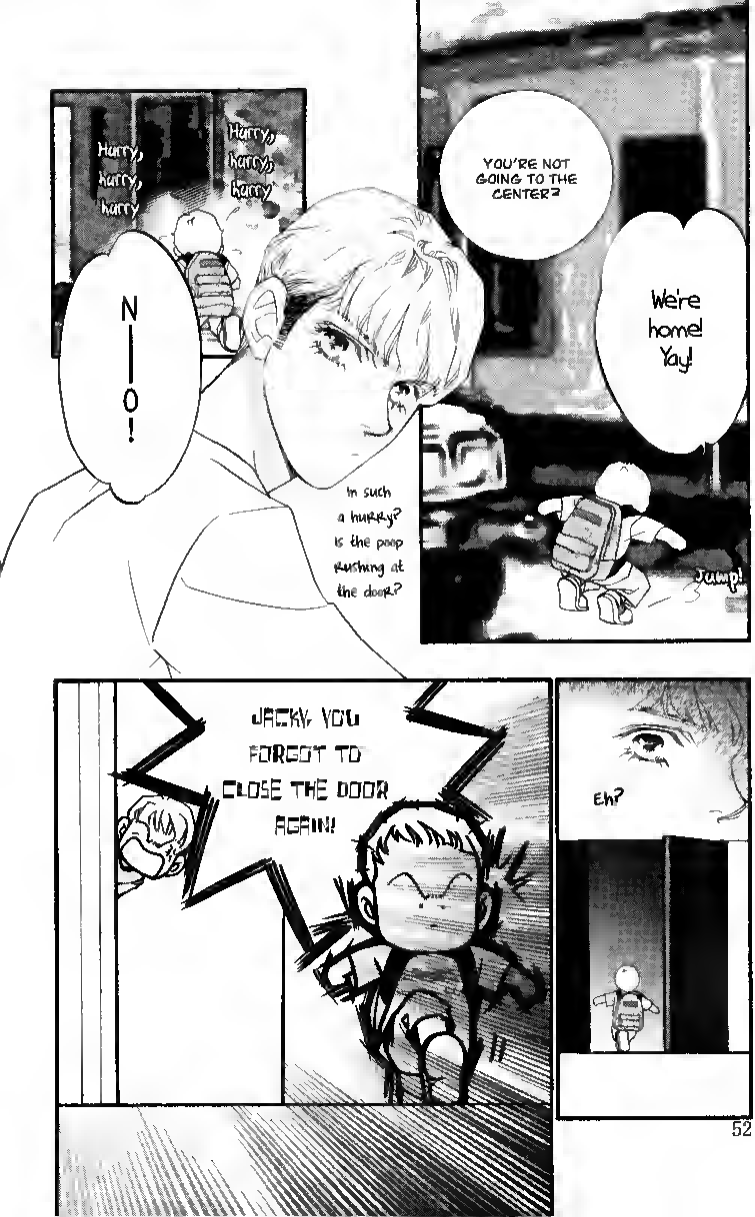
THE NEXT TIME YOU ENCOUNTER SUCH A SITUATION, COULD EVERYONE PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO CONTACT US TO TAKE CARE OF THE SITUATION?
CHEETAHS NORMALLY WILL NOT INITIATE AN ATTACK ON HUMANS
JUST THE SHEEPDOGS THAT YOU RAISE SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO SCARE THEM AWAY.
SO PLEASE DON'T KILL THEM IF YOU CAN AVOID IT!
THEY SAY THAT EVEN IF CHEETAHS DON'T ATTACK HUMANS, THEY STILL ATTACK THEIR LIVESTOCK, SO WHAT CAN THEY DO?
ALTHOUGH I CAN'T GIVE YOU 100 PERCENT ASSURANCE THAT CHEETAHS WON'T ATTACK YOUR LIVESTOCK,
A CHEETAH'S NATURAL INSTINCTS ARE TO FIRST CHASE DOWN, THEN KILL A PREY THAT HAS A SIMILAR SPEED AS THEM. SO THEY DON'T HAVE MUCH INTEREST IN LIVESTOCK.
SIGH! IT LOOKS LIKE IT WILL TAKE SOME MORE TIME FOR THESE FARMERS TO BE CONVINCED.
TAKE IT SLOW, THOSE MAASAI PEOPLE ARE ALREADY MUCH MORE COOPERATIVE THAN BEFORE

Let us all work hard together!
There's still more road to walk!
EH? WHERE'S JACKY? WHY IS IT TAKING HIM SO LONG TO PEE?
Eeh
?
Oh no!
Crap!
It couldn't be? Again?
EFFORTS WILL DEFINITELY REAP RESULTS IN THE END.
JACKYYYYY
JACKYYYYY
How was this person able to raise a child?

JAAAA~
OVER HERE! PAPA!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE CAR?
YOU TOLD ME TO WAIT FOR YOU IN THE CAR WHEN I WAS DONE PEEING!
PAPA!
This is bad! I have no recollection of that whatsoever.
I WANT TO TAKE A NAP...
FINE, FINE, FINE! LET'S GO BACK, GO BACK!

HOW ABOUT THIS?
HOW'S THAT?
WE WILL BRING LIL' BOBO HOME TO CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY WITH YOU TODAY
THEN, WE'LL TAKE HIM BACK TO THE CENTER TOMORROW.

LET'S HURRY UP AND GO HOME!
YOU'RE ANNOYING, PAPA!
EH? YOU DON'T WANT TO?
What's going on?
You got done peeing, and now you need to poop?
Ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha!
Such a stupid Papa.

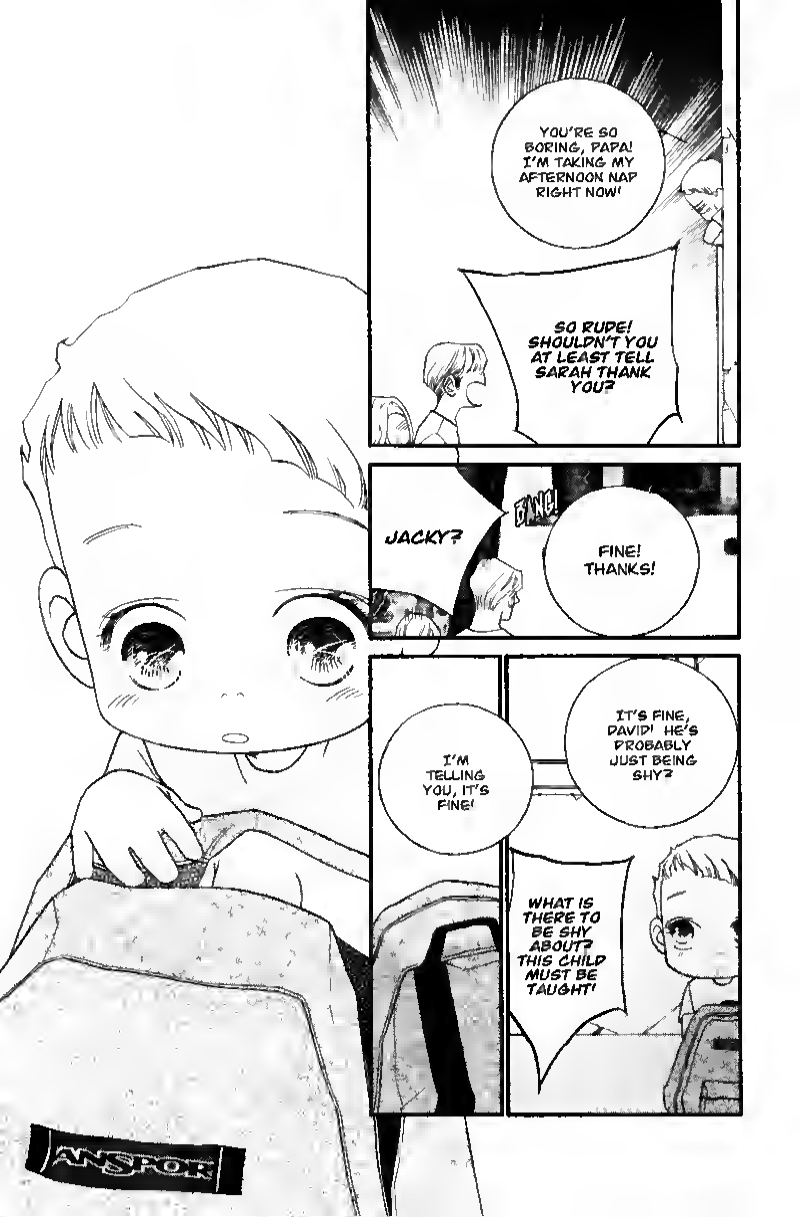

Harry, harry, harry
Harry, harry, harry
N—O!
In such a hurry? Is the poop rushing at the door?
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO THE CENTER?
We're home! Yay!
Jump!
JACKY, YOU FORGOT TO CLOSE THE DOOR AGAIN!
Eh?

PAPA WILL BE RIGHT NEXT DOOR AT THE CENTER. IF ANYTHING COMES UP, GIVE ME A HOLLER!
SLAM
In Africa, the point of closing the door is not to guard against thieves, but to guard against food-looting animals
If mankind wants to force their way into, and get involved with the animal world, then they must be especially careful
Due to a momentary carelessness, I lost my wife, and Jacky lost his mother.
But I don't blame anyone.

In the kind of situation back then, no matter if it is humans or cheetahs,
they're both simply relying on their survival instincts to keep on living...
Hey!

SARAH?
LOOK AT YOU! IF YOU'RE NOT AT THE HOUSE, YOU MUST BE OVER HERE BY THE ANIMAL PEN... IS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU NEED HELP WITH?
I LIKE WORKING IN THE ANIMAL PEN MORE. IT'S MUCH MORE INTERESTING THAN BEING AT THE CENTER.
MELISSA AND JENNY ARE HELPING OUT AT THE CENTER,
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE HERE TODAY TO VOLUNTEER?
How come everyone asks me that when they see me?
THAT'S GREAT! I WAS JUST NOW WORRYING ABOUT NOT HAVING ANYONE TO HELP CLEAN UP!
EH? HOW COME I DON'T SEE JACKY AROUND?

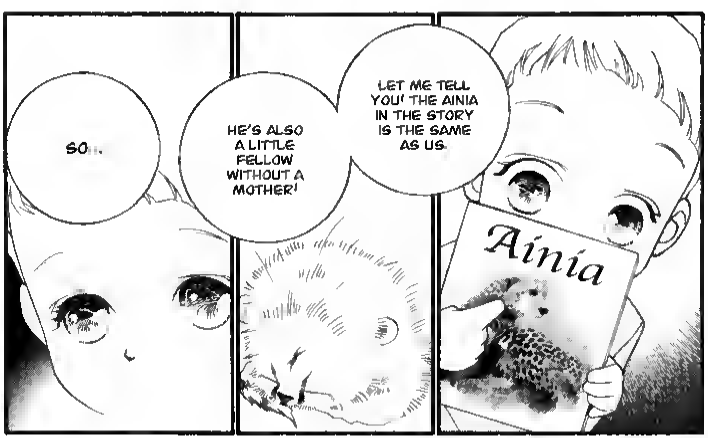
Aiyaa...
WHAT'S WRONG?
It is my own child's birthday yet I need someone else to prepare the cake. I'm such an incompetent father~~~
I REMEMBERED THAT IT'S HIS BIRTHDAY TODAY, SO I EVEN BAKED A CAKE FOR HIM!
REALLY? THAT'S GREAT!
SARAH BAKED A BIRTHDAY CAKE FOR YOU!
YOU FINALLY HAVE CAKE TO EAT ON YOUR BIRTHDAY THIS YEAR!
JACKY!
WHAT?


YOU'RE SO BORING, PAPA! I'M TAKING MY AFTERNOON NAP RIGHT NOW!
SO RUDE! SHOULDN'T YOU AT LEAST TELL SARAH THANK YOU?
JACKY?
PING!
FINE! THANKS!
I'M TELLING YOU, IT'S FINE!
IT'S FINE, DAVID! HE'S PROBABLY JUST BEING SHY?
WHAT IS THERE TO BE SHY ABOUT? THIS CHILD MUST BE TAUGHT!
ANSPORT

VATION CENTER.
C.

So cute!
Tee hee!
Hah hah!
Heh heh heh heh heh!
Ah
Ah! I got it!
Look
A
What name should I give you?
You're a boy, like me?
Heh...

Ainia
LOOK! THIS IS IT...
FROM NOW ON, YOU ARE CALLED "AINIA!"
Ainia


SO...
HE'S ALSO A LITTLE FELLOW WITHOUT A MOTHER!
LET ME TELL YOU! THE AINIA IN THE STORY IS THE SAME AS US.
Ainia

we have to always be together!

JACKY! COME TO CUT THE CAKE!
EVERYONE'S WAITING FOR YOU!
Where will I hide him?
I have to hurry up and hide Anna away!
Here is good! Hide him away!
Okay okay I'll be right there!
I'll be right there!
When I went to see Mama this morning, a big wind blew suddenly
I seem to have heard Mama talking to me...
JACKY
Coming!

JACKY, MAMA WILL DEFINITELY GIVE YOU THE BIRTHDAY PRESENT YOU WANT!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Ainia...
You are Mama's birthday present to me!

TIME TO GO! I'M HEADING OUT TO THE ANIMAL PEN TO FEED THE CHEETAHS.
Chomp chomp chomp!
Chomp chomp chomp!
That's odd... he's usually the first to run out at this time every day...
YOU'RE NOT COMING?

FINE THEN! BE GOOD AND FINISH EATING YOUR LUNCH!
BYE-BYE!
C.C.
Huh?
Little brat!
Tch!
JUMP!
THUD!

SECRETLY
The milk for baby cheetahs to drink is kept inside the cabinet!
STEALTHILY

AINIA! DRINK MILK MILK!
HURRY UP AND DRINK! IT IS SPECIALLY MADE NUTRITIOUS MILK!
He's drinking it, he's drinking it!
Aina, you have to drink more so that you can grow up quickly!
HURRY UP AND DRINK!
SNIFF SNIFF
lick lick
HERE!
SUCK

Unnnhhh~
Itchy, itchy!
So itchy, so itchy, so itchy!
Snoooore~
Snoooore~
ATCHOOO!
Eh?
RUB RUB
My nose is so itchy!
Sniffle sniffle

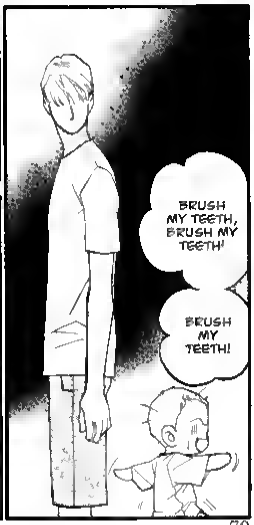
BIG SPARKLING EYES—
WUUUHH♥
WUUUHH♥
WUUUHH♥
WUUUHH♥
WUUUHH♥
AH? AINIA, YOU'RE AWAKE?
GOOD MORNING!
I'LL GET FOOD FOR YOU TO EAT RIGHT NOW!
ARE YOU HUNGRY? WAIT A BIT!
Struggle
PAWING
FOLLOWING CLOSELY...
FOLLOWING CLOSELY...

TRY HOLDING THE MILK BOTTLE BY YOURSELF! LIKE THIS
I GOT A LOT OF MILK FOR YOU!
YOU CAN DRINK AS MANY BOTTLES AS YOU WANT!
OOOOOOHH- AINIA, YOU'RE SO AMAZING!
Hey big brother, do you find this funny?
HURRY up and FEED me the milk!
HA HAHA- HAHA- HAHA!
Tch!
AH AH AAAAH- HH-
SPILL

Ainia is growing bigger every day!
Just like me!
ARE YOU STILL STICKING TO YOUR BED?
PAPA IS HERE!
HIDE YOURSELF! HIDE YOURSELF!
Hide-and-seek!
Hide-and-seek!
JACKY?
JACKY, TIME TO GET UP!
BANG BANG

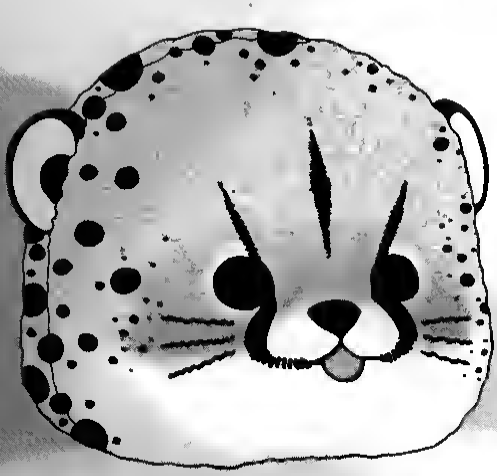
ONE*TWO*
THREE*FOUR-
TWO*TWO*
THREE*FOUR-
THREE*TWO*
THREE*FOUR-
He's actually already out of bed? I've seen a ghost...
Aye-
Eh?

JACKY—
Papa?
H... Have I been found out?


BRUSH MY TEETH, BRUSH MY TEETH!
BRUSH MY TEETH!

FLY!
FLY!
ZOOM!
ZOOM!
PAPA HAS NOT PLAYED WITH YOU IN QUITE A WHILE!
AH —
HAHA HAHAHA-HAHA!
Eh?
OKAY! GO BRUSH YOUR TEETH!
HAHA-HAHA!
HAHAHA-HAHA-HAHA!
STOP FUSSING! PAPA WILL SHOW YOU SOMETHING FUN!
I WANT MOOOOOORE~
Isn't my brother playing hide-and-seek with me? How much longer do I have to hide?
MOOOORE~
PAPA, I WANT MOOOOORE~
IT'S TIRING! PAPA CAN'T MOVE ANY-MORE!
MOOOORE~

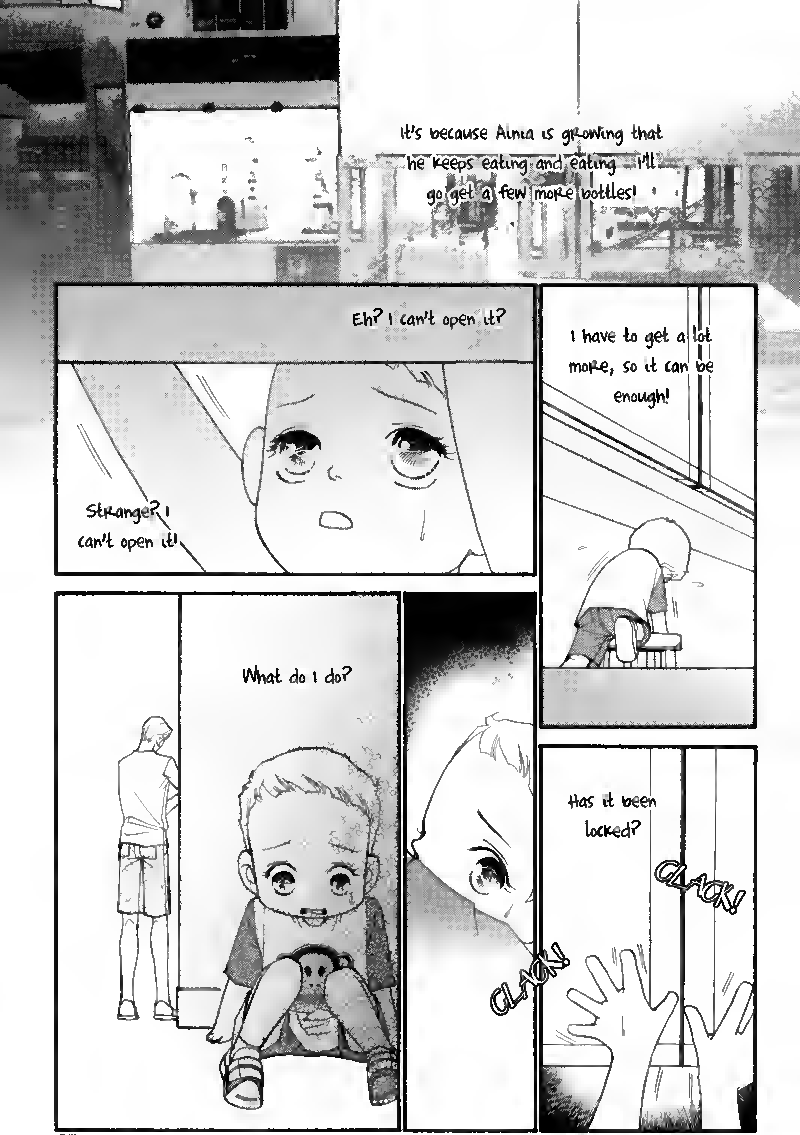
The fun thing Papa was talking about is a huge cheetah pillow. It's a birthday present from my cousin Emily who lives in the United States.



The pillow is very, very big. So Ainia and I can take afternoon naps on it together!

Pretending he hasn't heard anything!
FEWER BOTTLES AGAIN?
EVERY FEW DAYS A FEW BOTTLES WILL GO MISSING... WHO WOULD STEAL THIS KIND OF THING?
THEY CAN'T BE SOLD FOR MUCH MONEY...
Exactly!
JUST WHAT IS THAT THING YOU ARE FORMING WITH THE CLAY?
I really can't tell at all.
Huh?
JACKY, YOU——
STUPID PAPA!
IT'S A CHEETAH!
IS IT AN ELEPHANT OR AN OSTRICH?

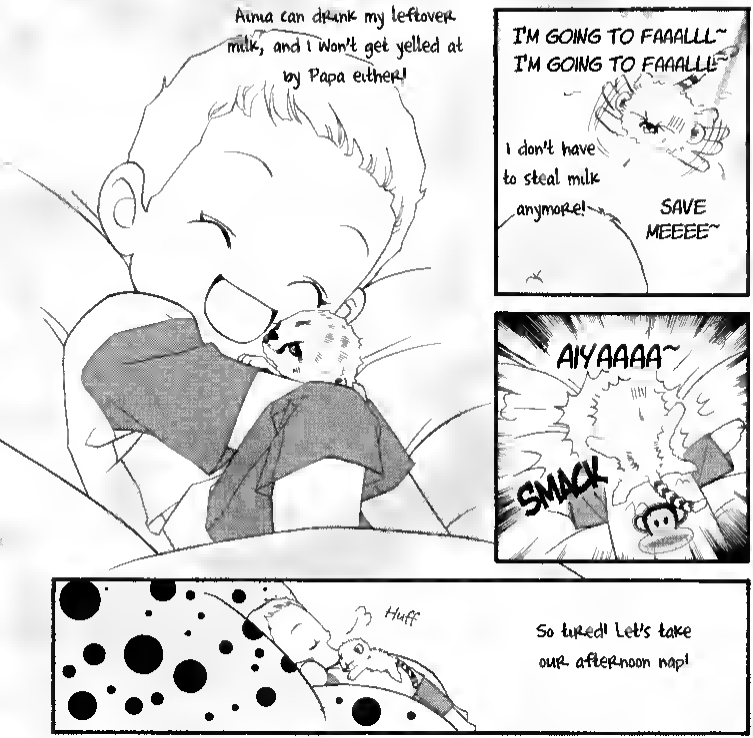
Delicious, delicious!
DON'T DRINK IT ALL AT ONCE!
Delicious, delicious!
DRINK MORE SLOWLY!
YOU STILL WANT MORE? YOU ALREADY DRANK ALL OF TODAY'S BOTTLES, THERE'S NO MORE!
MOOOORE~ I AM STILL HUUUNNGRY~
Wah... he drank it all...
BURP


It's because Aimia is growing that he keeps eating and eating... I'll go get a few more bottles!
Eh? I can't open it?
Stranger? I can't open it!
I have to get a lot more, so it can be enough!
What do I do?
Has it been locked?
CLACK!
CLACK!

What to do?
Auma will go hungry...
SORRY...
THERE'S NO MILK FOR YOU TO DRINK...
YOU'RE VERY HUNGRY, AREN'T YOU?
Auma will starve to death...
Yiiiiii~
Yiiiiii~
Then it will have milk to drink...
If I go and show Auma to Papa...

So Ainia can't go hungry!
NO! PAPA SAID I CAN'T RAISE CHEETAHS!
PAPA WILL THROW AINIA AWAY!
THIS TASTES A LITTLE DIFFERENT,
BUT IT'S ALSO MILK SO YOU CAN DRINK IT!
TRY DRINKING IT!
Oh yeah!
Papa said drinking milk will cause "Aunty Gesture", but drinking milk means not starving to death! I hate going hungry the most!
I've thought of a good idea!
MILK

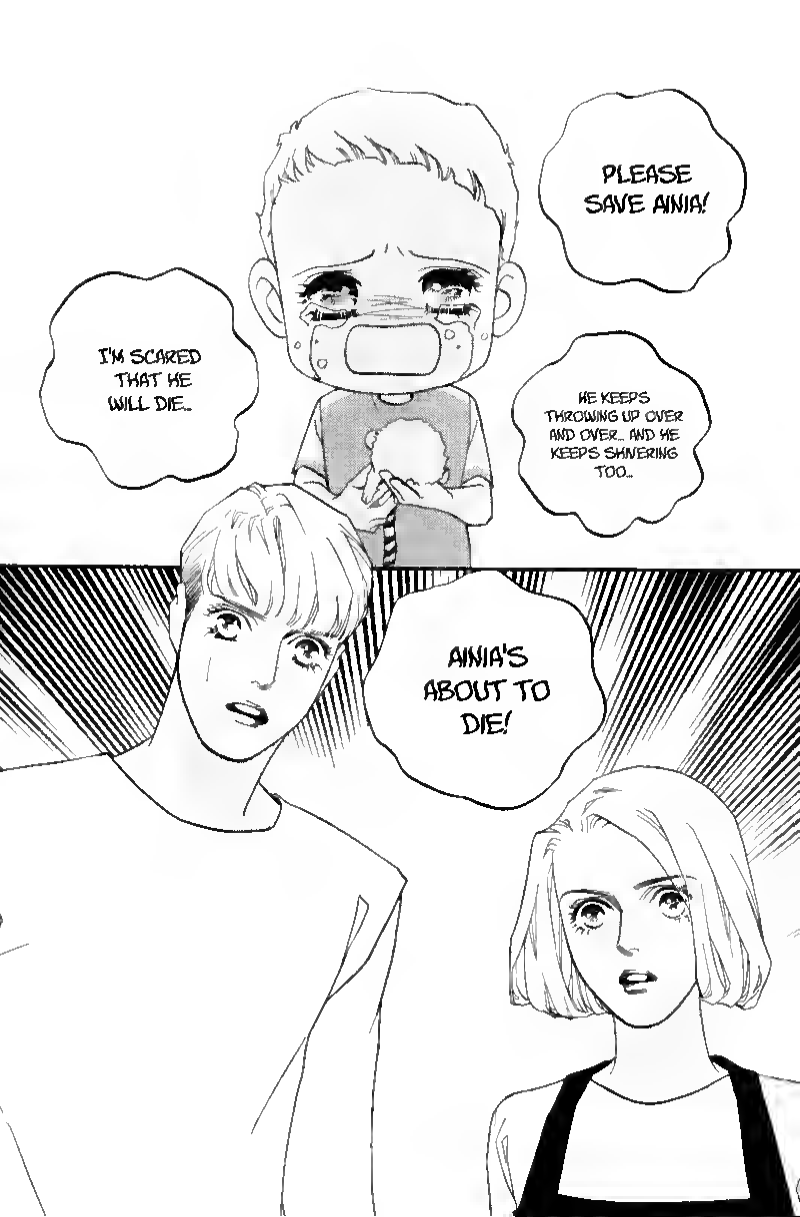
I'M FULL. TIME TO NAAAP~
TIME TO NAAAP~
Wah! He drank it!
Climb~
Climb~
HEAVE-HO!
YAAAWWN~
Y!!!!!~
Is he all right?
BUUUURP~
SO FUUULL~
Flomp!
AWESOME!
AINIA CAN DRINK MILK! THERE'S NO "AUNTY GESTURE"!
Silly child. "Aunty Gesture" doesn't happen so quickly!
YAY! SO GREAT!


Aima can drunk my leftover milk, and I won't get yelled at by Papa either!
I'M GOING TO FAAALLL~ I'M GOING TO FAAALLL~
I don't have to steal milk anymore!
SAVE MEEEE~
AIYAAAA~
SMACK
Huff
So tired! Let's take our afternoon nap!

WHAT? JACKY HAS BEEN STEALING THE MILK?

WHAT IS HE STEALING THE MILK FOR? TO DRINK IT HIMSELF? HAHAHA!
I'VE ALSO THOUGHT ABOUT SEARCHING HIS ROOM, BUT I'M AFRAID THAT WILL HURT THE CHILD'S SELF-RESPECT.
SIGH... I WISH I KNEW...
SO TROUBLE-SOME—
OH?
JUST LEAVE HIM ALONE! WHEN THE TIME COMES, HE WILL NATURALLY TELL YOU THE TRUTH. KIDS ARE LIKE THAT.
DON'T WORRY!

THERE ARE EIGHT KIDS IN MY FAMILY, AND I'M THE OLDEST SO I HAVE EXPERIENCE IN CHILD-RAISING!
HEY LITTLE MISS, YOU HAVE NOT BEEN MARRIED NOR HAVE YOU BORE CHILDREN, RIGHT? YET, YOU KNOW MORE THAN ME?
LISTEN TO ME I'M DEFINITELY RIGHT!
JACKY?
PAPA! PAPA!
PA..PA... I BEG YOU..
WUUAA...
WHAT'S WRONG? DON'T CRY AND TELL ME SLOWLY!
WUUAA...


PLEASE SAVE AINIA!
I'M SCARED THAT HE WILL DIE..
HE KEEPS THROWING UP OVER AND OVER.. AND HE KEEPS SHIVERING TOO..
AINIA'S ABOUT TO DIE!

You were right impressive impressive...

You completely forgot everything I had taught you! Sigh
You actually fed cow's milk to the cheetah?
WUAH...
WUAH...
Kids will be kids after all
Already cried to the point of hiccups
OKAY!
WUAH..
HIC!
AINIA IS FINE NOW.
WUAH..
HIC!
HIC!
WUAH..

WUUUAAAAH...
WUAAAH...
...ng so hard that he can't speak...
IT'S OKAY NOW! DON'T CRY...
AINIA WON'T DIE.
WUA
EVERYTHING'S FINE NOW... GOOD BOY...
JACKY, PAPA HAS A QUESTION FOR YOU.
WAS IT AT THE PASTURELAND WHERE WE DISCOVERED THE DEAD MAMA CHEETAH?
Nods
WHERE DID YOU PICK UP AINIA?

Cheetahs became nearly extinct during the last ice age, and the surviving cheetahs, for the sake of survival, could only mate with close relatives in order to continue the bloodline of later generations.

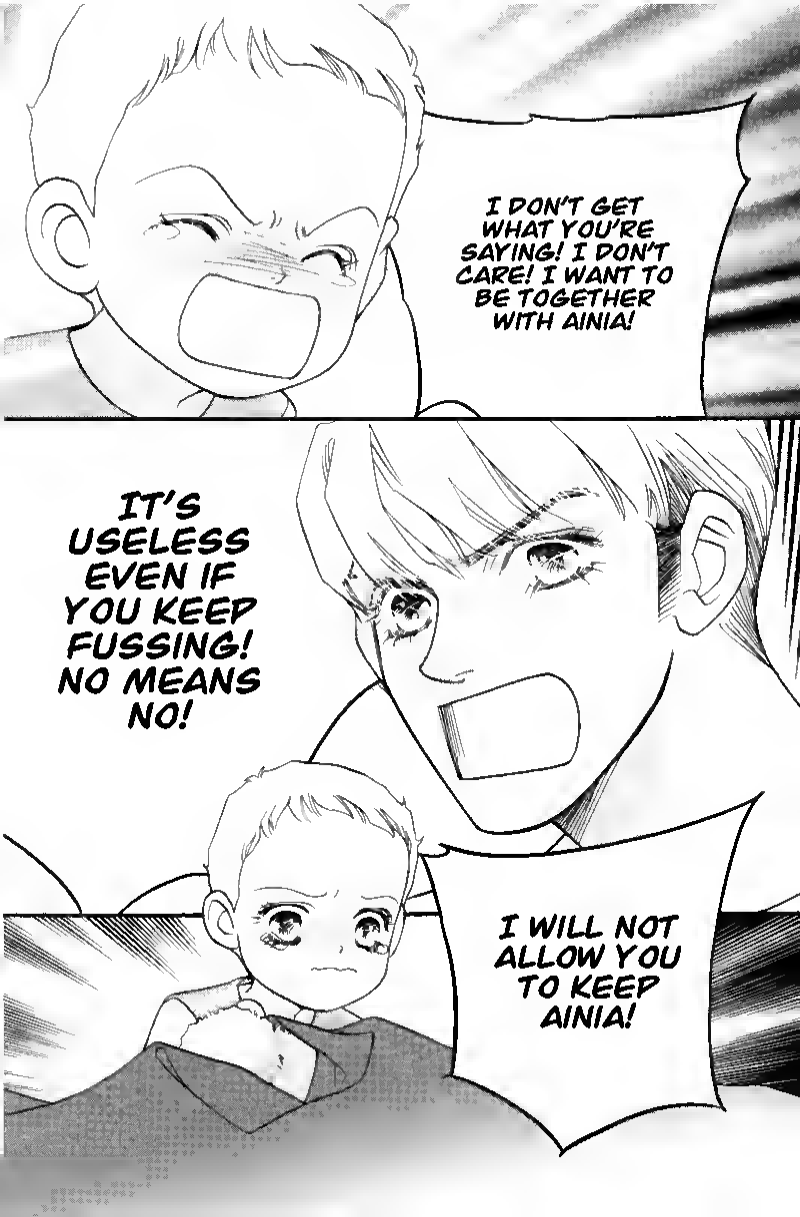
However, the cost for their continued existence includes hereditary diseases that are passed on from one generation to the next, permanent genetic defects, declined fertility, and low birthrates of healthy progeny; various kinds of congenital defects result in the cheetahs being on the verge of extinction, as they gradually become inferior in strength in today's competitions for survival.

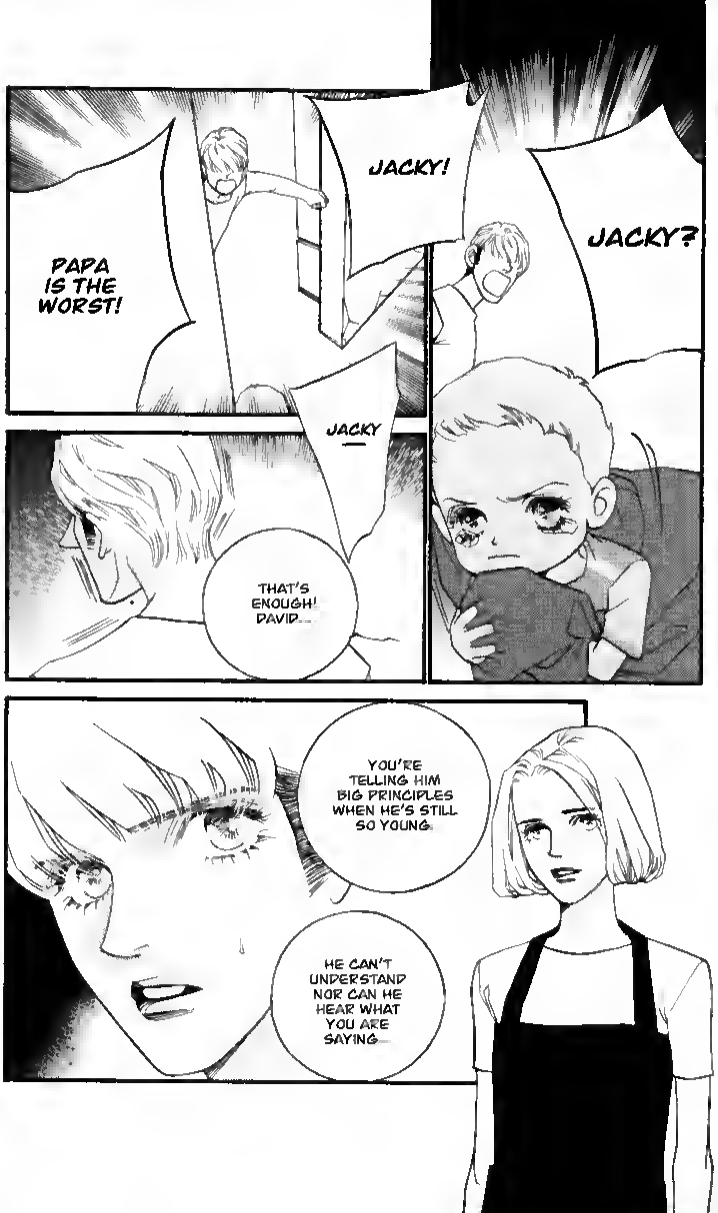
Owing to inbreeding, the current generation of cheetahs could almost be said to be the result of repeated copying of genes from nearly identical twins over multiple generations..

WU LA LA WU LA LAAAA~
WAH YA WAH YA WAH YA YAAAA~
LU LA LA LU LA LAAAA~
EN GA EN GA EN GA GAAAA~
(Lecturing endlessly)
NODDING OFF...
YOU IDIOTS ARE NOT QUALIFIED TO STAY AT THE CONSERVATION CENTER! ALL OF YOU, GET OUT OF HERE!
ZZZZ...
ZZZZ...
dead asleep...
JACKY, GO HOME FIRST. AINIA NEEDS TO BE KEPT HERE FOR A FEW MORE DAYS FOR OBSERVATION.
relying on these people to protect the environment... I think the outlook is quite gloomy...

NO!
I WANT TO TAKE AINIA HOME WITH ME!
IF HE STAYS HERE, HE WILL GET LOCKED UP IN A CAGE BY PAPA!
PAPA WON'T GIVE AINIA BACK TO ME!
!!

PAPA SAID THAT YOU CAN'T RAISE CHEETAHS AT HOME AS PETS
AS A CHEETAH CONSERVATIONIST, PAPA WANTS YOU TO SET AN EXAMPLE! DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
IS THIS THE REASON WHY YOU WERE UNWILLING TO TELL PAPA EVEN WHEN YOU FOUND AINIA?

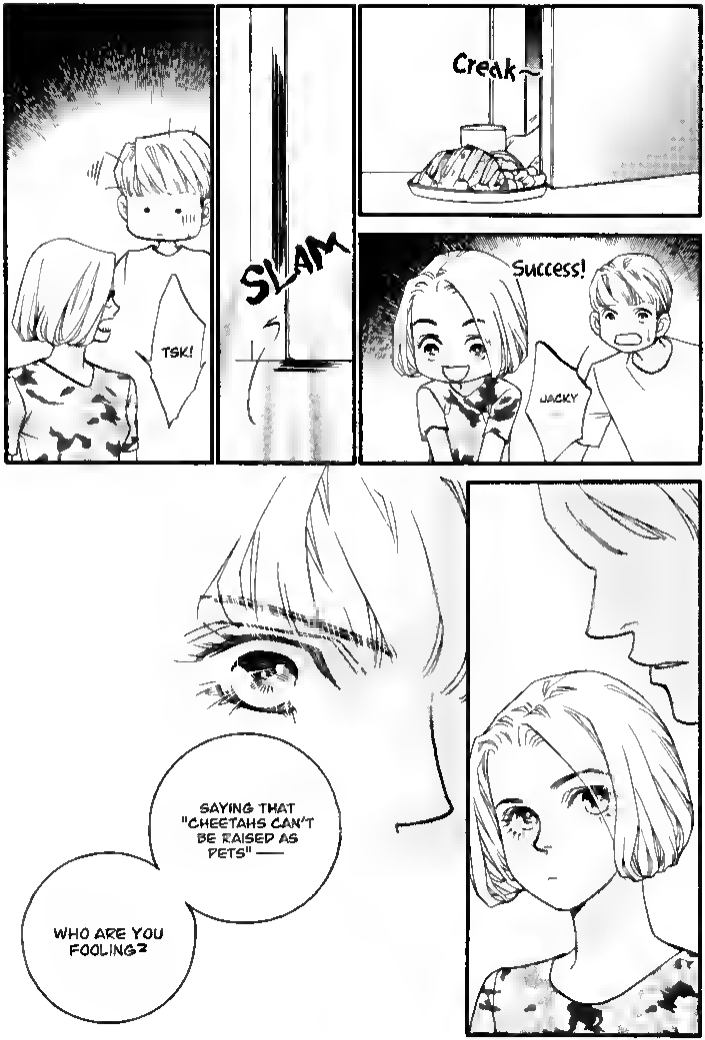

I DON'T GET WHAT YOU'RE SAYING! I DON'T CARE! I WANT TO BE TOGETHER WITH AINIA!
IT'S USELESS EVEN IF YOU KEEP FUSSING! NO MEANS NO!
I WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO KEEP AINIA!


PAPA IS THE WORST!
JACKY!
JACKY?
JACKY
THAT'S ENOUGH! DAVID...
YOU'RE TELLING HIM BIG PRINCIPLES WHEN HE'S STILL SO YOUNG.
HE CAN'T UNDERSTAND NOR CAN HE HEAR WHAT YOU ARE SAYING...

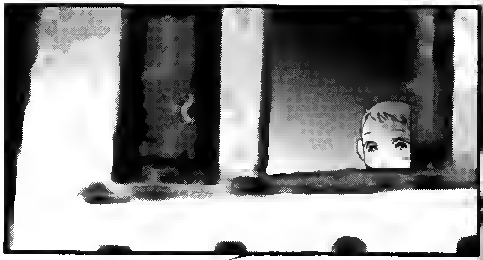
HOW MUCH TROUBLE COULD HE GET INTO? HOW MUCH COMMOTION COULD HE CAUSE?
GO AHEAD AND LET HIM TAKE CARE OF AINIA AND WHEN HE ENCOUNTERS PROBLEMS, HE WILL NATURALLY COME TO ASK YOU FOR HELP.
HE IS JUST A CHILD AFTER ALL...

No Response——
JACKY, TIME TO EAT!
BANG!
BANG!
JACKY, SHOULDN'T YOU AT LEAST OPEN THE DOOR TO GET YOUR LUNCH?
BANG!
BANG!
Your old man is even delivering your food!
I DON'T WANNA! THE MINUTE I OPEN THE DOOR, PAPA WILL BARGE IN HERE AND SNATCH AINIA AWAY!

OPEN THE DOOR ON THE COUNT OF THREE!
I WILL BARGE IN THERE EVEN IF YOU DON'T OPEN THE DOOR!
DON'T WORRY. I WON'T LET YOUR PAPA BARGE INTO YOUR ROOM. IF YOU DON'T OPEN THE DOOR TO GET YOUR LUNCH,
AINIA WILL GET HUNGRY!
I'LL TALK TO HIM INSTEAD!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU'RE NOT TALKING TO AN ENEMY, SO WHY ARE YOU SPEAKING WITH SUCH A MENACING TONE?
I'M PUTTING AINIA'S LUNCH AND YOURS BY THE DOOR.
JACKY, THIS IS SARAH.
Shoo! Back up back up


TSK!
SLAM
Creak~
Success!
JACKY
SAYING THAT "CHEETAHS CAN'T BE RAISED AS PETS" ——
WHO ARE YOU FOOLING?

AFRAID THAT BECAUSE OF CHEETAHS... I WILL ONCE AGAIN LOSE MY ONLY FAMILY...
I'M VERY AFRAID.
We still cannot change the reality that they are predatory animals...
Even though the two of us, father and son, get along with so many cheetahs day after day, and live together as if we are one family,
What should I do?
Annie



I truly don't know what I should do...

"David... David... listen to me..."

You passed away so soon, leaving behind such a young child to me.

"Please, absolutely, do not let what happened to me cause you to forbid Jacky from getting close to cheetahs."

"What happened to me is the result of my carelessness. I understand cheetahs so well. I shouldn't have made a mistake."

"Both Duma and I only... only wished to save our own children. It's not their fault."

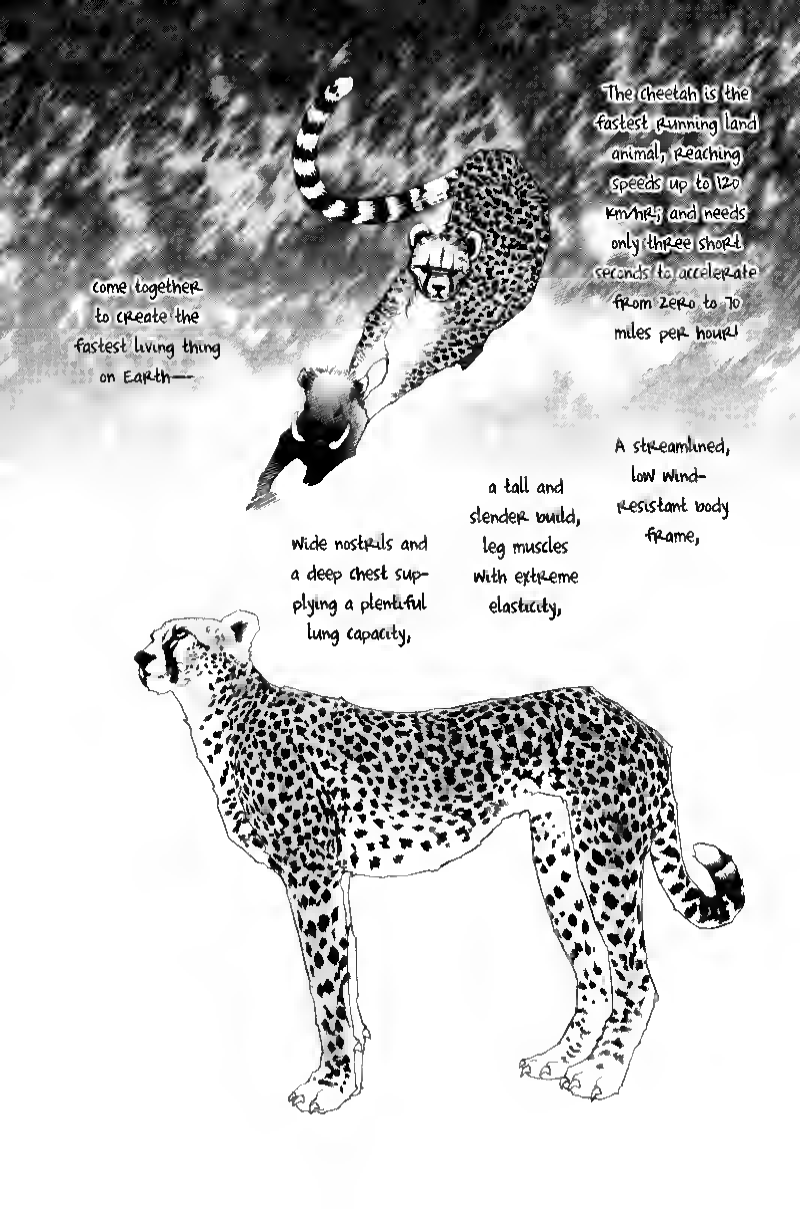
"Please... let Jacky grow up possessing a love for cheetahs..."

"The cheetahs are near extinction. They are even weaker than humans, and need more protection..."

WHOOSSHH—
WHOOSSHH—

That day,

Ainia officially became
a member of our family—


The cheetah is the fastest running land animal, reaching speeds up to 120 km/hr; and needs only three short seconds to accelerate from zero to 70 miles per hour!
come together to create the fastest living thing on Earth—
A streamlined, low wind-resistant body frame,
a tall and slender build,
leg muscles with extreme elasticity,
wide nostrils and a deep chest supplying a plentiful lung capacity,

The cheetah—the FERRARI of the animal kingdom!

Wah! When I think that such cool and splendid blood flows in me too,

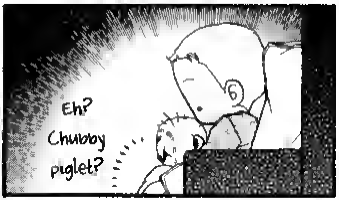
I honestly feel incredibly —

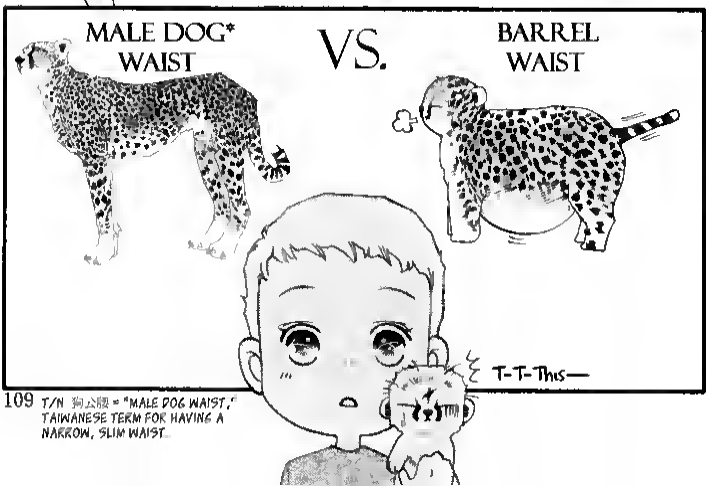
AWESOME!!!!!!!!!!!
WAAAAAH
!!!!!!!!!!!
OH!
YEAH!
I REALLY HOPE I'LL GROW UP SOON!
The fur on my body was originally gray and dull and really very ugly, but now it is slowly being exchanged into a beautiful golden yellow one!
Even my spots are becoming more visible!
Oh my! I'm getting more and more handsome~~~

Seriously, now...
I HATE THIS!... HURRY AND GROW UP ALREADY!...
Right now, I have short limbs and a big belly...
COME ON!
IT'S TIME FOR DESSERT!
Huh?!

CHOMP
CHOMP
CHOMP
CHOMP
A mouthful for me...
Doritos
CHOMP
CHOMP
CHOMP
CHOMP
CHOMP
CHOMP
A mouthful for you...
Doritos

AINIA'S LITTLE BELLY...

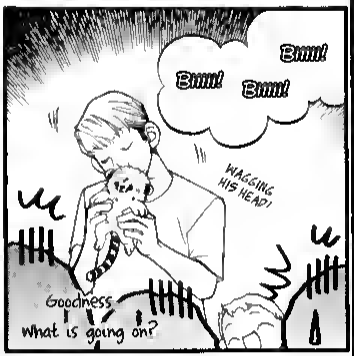


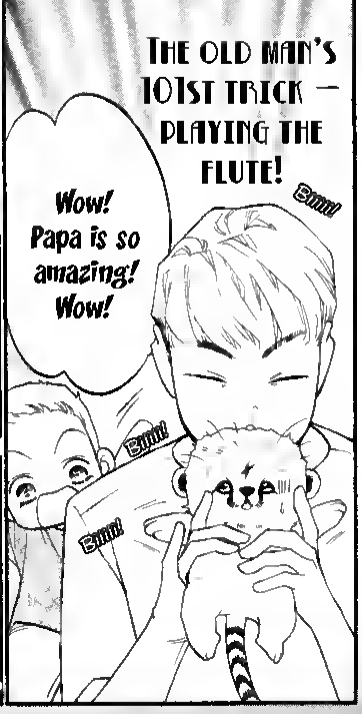


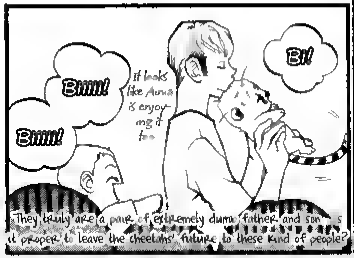
109 T/N 狗公腰 = "MALE DOG WAIST," TAIWANESE TERM FOR HAVING A NARROW, SLIM WAIST.

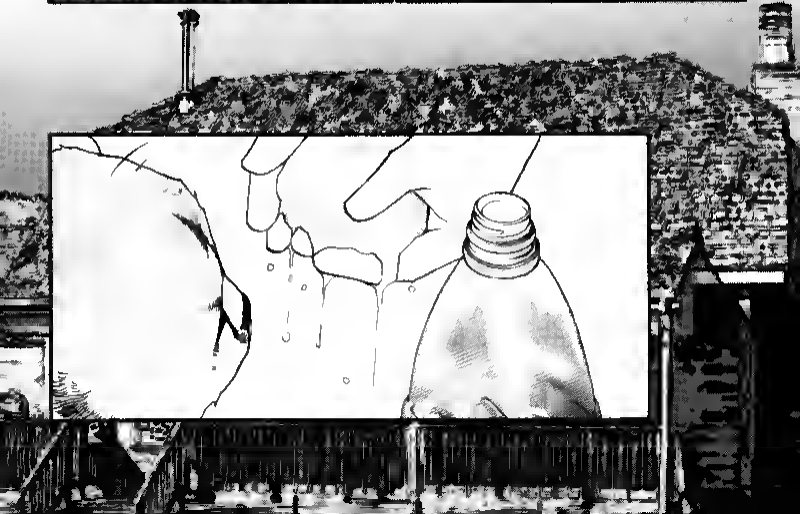
Papa, you called Ainia a chubby piglet!
You're so funny, Papa! Hahaha!
I don't want that! I don't want to become a chubby pig~~
Hahaha! Hahaha!
Hahahaha!
Che! Is it that funny?
What kids find funny is different from the adults perspective...
PAPA, PAPA! I'LL SHOW YOU SOME-THING REALLY FUNNY!
cheer, um..
YOU TWO EAT TOO MANY SNACKS
GO AND TAKE AINIA TO DRINK WATER!

TODAY I'M GOING TO PERFORM FOR EVERYONE — "FLEEING OSTRICH!"
HI, EVERYONE! I'M AINIA.
PAPA WILL TEACH YOU—
WHO TAUGHT YOU TO PLAY WITH CHEETAHS THIS WAY?!
AAAHH— GIVE HIM BACK—
AH—
GU GU GU GUUUU—
WU WU WU WUUUU—
WO WU WO WUUU—
As his father, I feel very ashamed
Ha Ha Ha!
So dumb
HU HU HU HUUU—


Bmm!
Bmm!
Bmm!
WAGGING HIS HEAD!
Goodness
what is going on?


THE OLD MAN'S 101ST TRICK — PLAYING THE FLUTE!
Wow! Papa is so amazing! Wow!
Bmm!
Bmm!
Bmm!


Bmm!
Bmm!
If looks like Aunt is enjoying it too.
Bi!
They truly are a pair... Utterly dumb fathers and sons... Is it proper to leave the cheetahs' future to these kind of people?



COME DRINK WATER!
SUCH A GOOD BOY. HEY, HEY, HEY —
HOLD ON! AFTER EATING, YOU HAVE TO WASH YOUR FACE BEFORE GOING OUT TO PLAY!
CHEETAH CONSERVATION CENTER
C.C.C.

I didn't think this child actually knew how to mimic the way a mother cheetah washes the face of a cheetah cub
Using a pair of wet hands to substitute for a mother cheetah's warm, moist tongue,
it's like getting a face wash from mama's tongue

Let's go! We're going for a walk now!
NO!
I WANT TOOOOO.
Hey! It's like this every time..
Are we going for a walk or not? So annoying...
A WALK IS ONLY FUN IF I BRING COOKIES.
YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE SNACKS WITH YOU, JUST BRING WATER!
AHHH- MY COOKIES....
WAIT A MINUTE!

THE CONSERVATION CENTER'S NEW T-SHIRT DESIGN IS COMPLETE!
HOW DOES IT LOOK?
CHEETAH
CONSERVATION CENTER
OOOOOOOH~

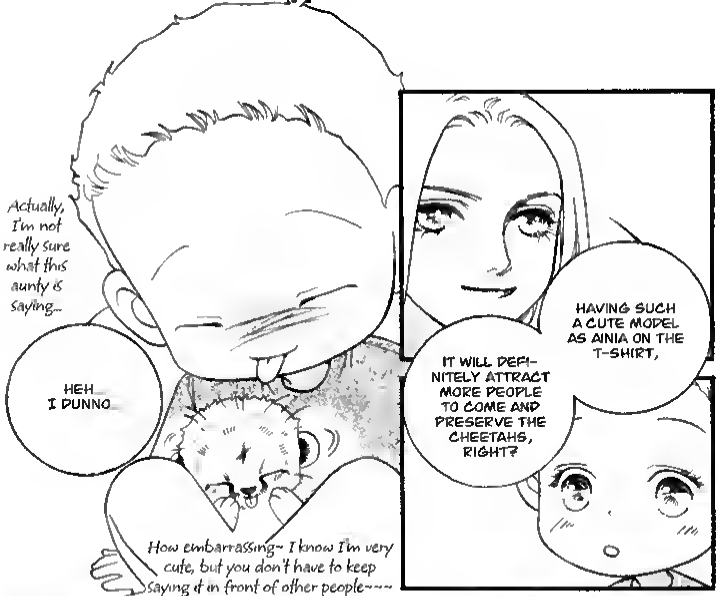
Ooohh~
Ooohh~
TAKE IT OFF!
TAKE IT OFF!
TAKE IT OFF!
TAKE IT OFF!
Awww~
YOU'RE THE BOSS HERE, SO YOU TRY IT ON FIRST!
The boss's embarrassed~~~
If it's not his wife then he's scared to take it off!
IF THE EFFECT IS GOOD, THEN WE CAN ORDER A LARGER QUANTITY!
IT LOOKS PRETTY GOOD!
IT LOOKS BETTER THAN THE OLD VERSION!
IT LOOKS SO MUCH SHARPER THAN THE OLD VERSION!
IT'S SO MUCH BETTER THAN THE OLD VERSION!
DARN IT!
The designer of the old version is him...
JACKY?
WHERE'S JACKY? I WANT TO SHOW IT TO HIM!
SIGH... OVER THERE, OVER THERE!
JUVENILES! JUST HOW OLD ARE YOU?!

* T/N: INCORRECT SPELLING FOR "PITIFUL" PURPOSELY USED HERE TO REFLECT THE WRONG CHARACTER USED IN THE RAMS WHICH REFLECTS JACKY'S SULKING TONE. YOU CAN ALMOST HEAR HIS POUTY TURNED LIPS.)

EETAH
ERVATION C
Ainia is on the shirt!
It's Ainia!
YOU'RE AMAZING, JACKY! HOW'D YOU KNOW?
LOOK—
OVER HERE! AINIA HAS A LIGHTNING SHAPE HERE.
NONE OF THE OTHER CHEETAHS HAVE IT!
Kid

YOU'RE RIGHT! I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE IT WHEN I TOOK HIS PICTURE
NOW WHEN I LOOK AT IT, IT'S REALLY COOL!
How despicable! For the sake of getting on the brat's good side, you actually sacrificed the dignity of this father... so devastating!
Papa is a big idiot!
YOUR PAPA ALSO DIDN'T REALIZE IT, SUCH AN IDIOT!
Big idiot! Hahaha- hahaha!
Ha! Papa is an idiot!

Really not sure why k ds like it so much when they hear adults be ng called stupid


Actually, I'm not really sure what this aunty is saying...
HEH I DUNNO
How embarrassing~ I know I'm very cute, but you don't have to keep saying it in front of other people~~~
IT WILL DEFINITELY ATTRACT MORE PEOPLE TO COME AND PRESERVE THE CHEETAHS, RIGHT?
HAVING SUCH A CUTE MODEL AS AINIA ON THE T-SHIRT,

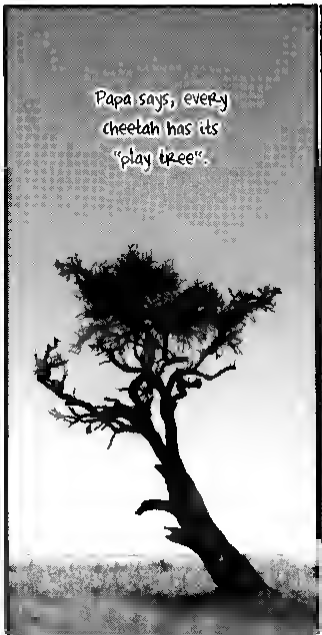
IT'D BE A SHAME NOT TO MARRY HER!
SARAH SUPE HAS A WAY WITH KIDS!

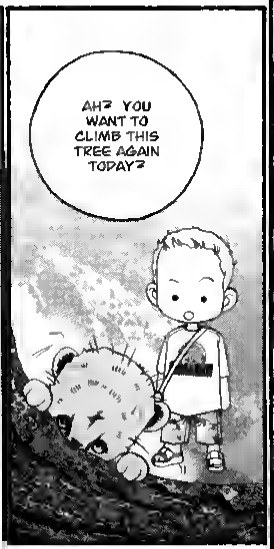
DON'T SPEAK NONSENSE!

Super awkward...
HA HA HA!
ENOUGH, ENOUGH! HURRY UP AND GET BACK TO WORK, EVERYONE!
HMPH!
HMPH!
HMPH!

Papa! I'm going to take Ainia for a walk!
CHEETAH
INTO THE NEW
AWAY!
Cookies!
You haven't given up yet?
NO!

A PAINFUL PAIR OF FATHER AND SON WITH SERIOUS COMMUNICATION ISSUES
I miss youuu...wife... I want youuu...wife... You're at that...far...far away...place...Do you know...that your husband is missing youuu...wi...fe...
I miss youuu...Mamaaaa... You're at that...far...far away...place...Do you know... that your child is missing youuu...Ma...Ma...





Although cheetahs can't climb straight up a tree and make their home among the tree tops like leopards, they can handle short trees with low hanging branches.

He can play on the tree; he can sleep, bite and scratch, investigate, and also mark his territory with urine...
The world seen from the play tree is their world...
The bigger they get, the bigger the world that they see.
Me and Aima can play on the tree without ever being scolded!

This is my and Ainia's play tree!
GRRRR

GRRRR
GRRRR
GRRRR
GRRRR
Aima?

PAPA... AINIA WAS ACTING REALLY WEIRD TODAY...
HOW SO?
HE LOOKED REALLY MEAN...
TODAY, HE KEPT GOING "GRRRR, GRRRR"...
HE KEPT LOOKING STRAIGHT AHEAD AND IGNORING ME...

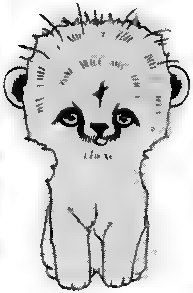
THEN... DID HE SEE A LION?
WHERE DID AINIA START "GRRRR'ING"?
OVER BY THE PLAY TREE
IT COULD BE THAT HE SPOTTED ANOTHER ANIMAL.
WHEN CHEETAHS MAKE THAT NOISE, IT MEANS THEY ARE GIVING A WARNING, AND THAT THEY ARE VERY NERVOUS.
MAASAI PEOPLE?
THERE'S A MAASAI TRIBE NEAR THERE.
OH... THEN, HE MUST HAVE SEEN THE MAASAI PEOPLE.
I have also seen them before... they're not at all scary!

Listen well, Jacky—
The Maasai people over there are a bit different than the ones at the pasturelands. They live a more primitive lifestyle of herding and hunting
When they appear over the horizon of the African plains wearing the traditional Maasai Red Robe, I'm not kidding you - even lions run away scared when they see them!
They are an amazing ethnic group!
Wow—

DEFEATING EVEN LIONS—
THAT'S JUST SOOOOO~~~ COOL~~~
I ALSO WANT TO BECOME A MAASAI WARRIOR WHO MAKES LIONS GO "GRRRR GRRRR"!
You're already making your old man go "grrrr grrrr"...

but he already knows when to sound a warning and when to attack. In comparison to all the cheetah cubs I've seen at his age, he is smarter than all of them!

Asia is only two weeks old, and has not had a single day of wilderness living, nor seen other wild animals,

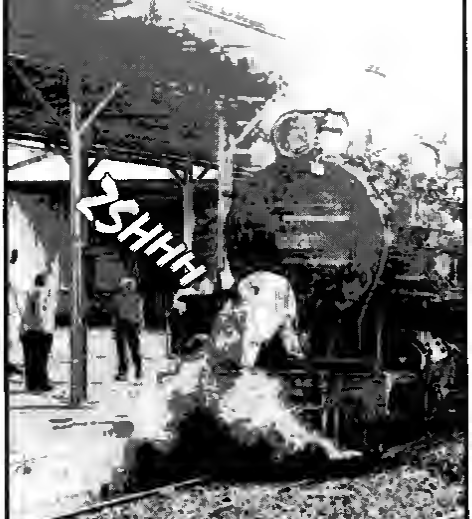


It's a shame that, although he inherited Duma's good bloodline, he is being brought up by humans.

If he were to grow up in the wild, he would definitely be a splendid cheetah!

SHE'S FLYING BY HERSELF, THEN CATCHING A TRAIN TO COME HERE TO PLAY.
I'M GOING TO THE TRAIN STATION IN THE CITY LATER TO PICK HER UP.
OH— I ALMOST FORGOT—
I GOT A CALL FROM YOUR AUNT IN AMERICA. SHE SAYS YOUR COUSIN EMILY STARTED HER SUMMER VACATION,
NOW YOU'LL HAVE SOMEONE TO PLAY WITH YOU—
GRRRR GRRRR GRRRR ~
GRRRR GRRRR GRRRR ~
GRRRR GRRRR GRRRR ~
Papa, you don't understand!
WHAT'RE YOU "GRRRR'ING" ABOUT? SUCH EXAG-GERATION!

Emily—
A terrifying name that makes people say "grrrr grrrr" non-stop!
(The only one who knows what "grrrr" really means here is Jacky.)
Wuuah—
Hululululu...
Big brother—are we playing hide-and-seek now? Who're we hiding from?
A Ainia even a Maasai warrior won't be able to save us now—



(STARTING NOW, THE THEME SONG FROM "JAWS" BEGINS TO PLAY... BEGINS TO PLAY...)

* Translator's Note: To hear the theme
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wCfWHqrYUqo)

Si-t!
Sit!
SIT!
?
WAAAAAHH!
NOT LIKE THAAAATT~
BIG DUMMY,
BIG DUMMY,
BIG DUMMY!

(THE MUSIC IS GETTING LOUDER~~~ GETTING SCARIER AND SCARIER~~~)
PUT YOUR PAW UP, LIKE THIS!
SALUTE!
CHEETAH
(LOUDER AND LOUDER~~~ SCARIER AND SCARIER~~~)
LIKE THIS!
LIFT YOUR PAW!
TAP!
(LOUDER AND LOUDER~~~ SCARIER AND SCARIER~~~)

* TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: AINIA MISPRONOUNCES IT
SALOOT~~~*
SALUTE~~~
Waaaah—
Ainia knows how to salute!
So great!

Jaaackyyy!
Eh?
E...
Emily?

SAVE MEEEE~~~~
RUN FOR YOUR LIVES~~~~
EMILY IS HEEEERE~~~~~
WAAAAAH~
WAAAAAH~

JACKY!
JACKY!
AAAH~!
HURRYYY~
HURRY UP
AND HIIIDE~
HIIIDE~
JACKY!
BAM
Swoosh

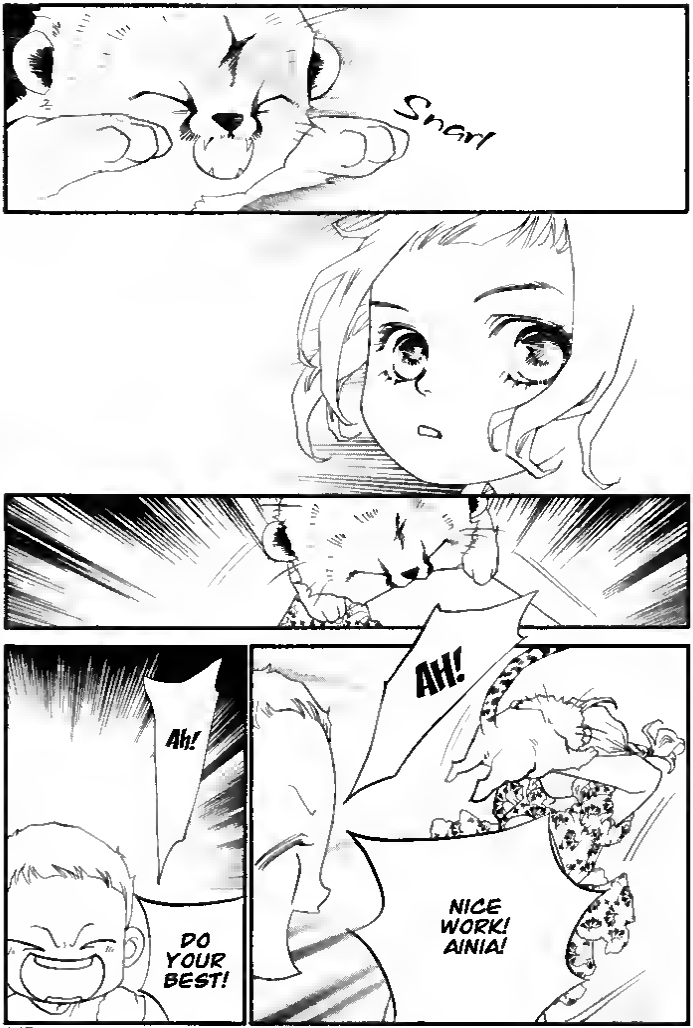
Hee
hee!
Yaaawn~~~
Sosleepy~~~

Ainia, wait for me to say "attack."
Then you'll run out and bite her, got it?
I WAS SURE I HEARD NOISES IN HERE!
WHERE IS HE? IS NOT IN HIS ROOM?
Eh?
Ai...
WAKE UP, WAKE UP, WAKE UP!
YOU CAN'T FALL ASLEEP!
AINIA, YOU IMOT!

AH...
Naughty Jacky!
You're playing hide-and-seek, right?
AAAHH~
What?~ What happened?
AAAHH~

AH HA! I CAUGHT YOU! NAUGHTY JACKY!
I'M GONNA PUNISH YOU! COME HERE!
WHAT KIND OF BAD THINGS WERE YOU DOING HIDING UNDER THE BED?
SPEAK!
WHY ARE YOU SO CUTE? ARE YOU ASKING TO BE HIT?
I DON'T WAHHHH
AHHH
AHHHHHH
LOOK AT YOU WITH YOUR UN-BRUSHED HAIR AND MESSY CLOTHES,
YOU'RE SUPER SLOPPY!
HAVE YOU? HAVE YOU? NAUGHTY BOY! YOU DEFINITELY HAVEN'T!
ARE YOU EATING YOUR VEGGIES?
HAVE YOU BEEN GOOD ABOUT BRUSHING YOUR TEETH? WASHING YOUR FACE PROPERLY?
GAVE MEEE
AHHHH GAVE MEEE

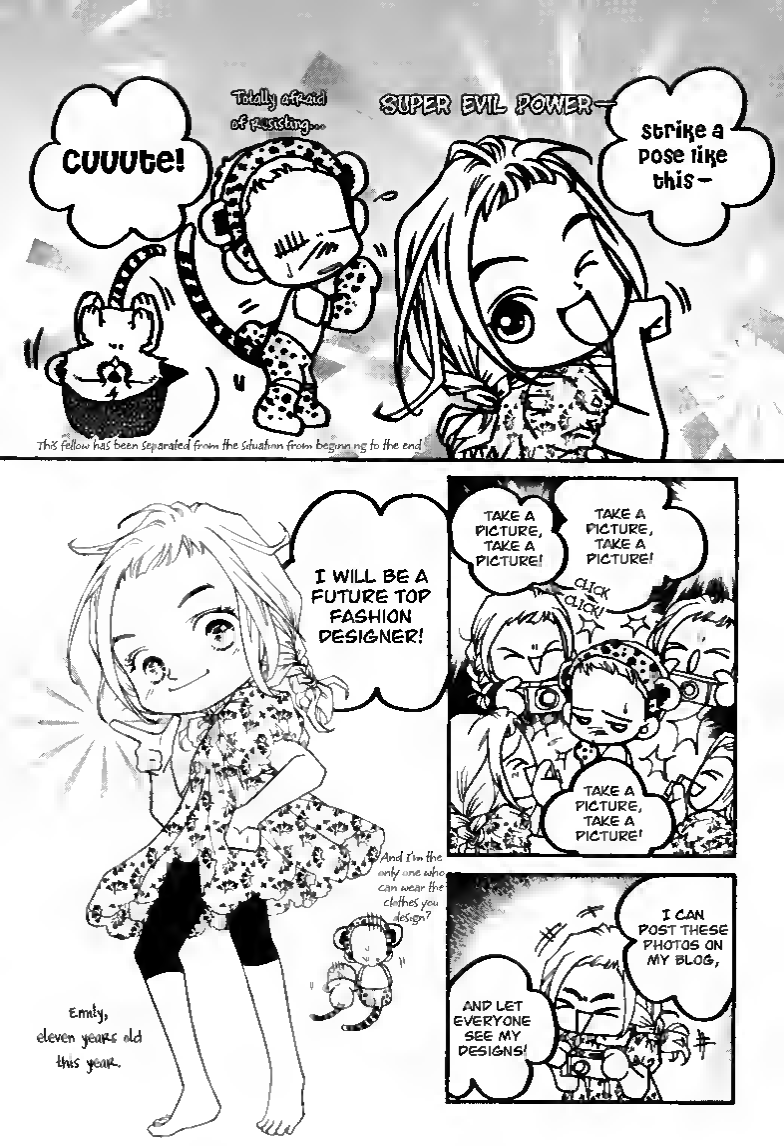
I'LL HELP YOU CHANGE INTO NEW CLOTHES!
COME HERE!
AAAAAAHHH~~~~~
AINIA, WE'VE BEEN DISCOVERED BY THE ENEMY!
BITE HER!
yes yes yes! I bite, I bite...
Ah? Bite her?
GRRRRRRRRRR
BITE HER!
what's going on?
HURRY UP AND ATTACK! SAVE ME!


Snarl
Ah!
DO YOUR BEST!
AH!
NICE WORK! AINIA!

SO CUUUUTE~ MEOW MEOW MEEEEOW~
JACKY, YOU HAVE A PET KITTEN~~~
AINIA IS A CHEETAH, NOT A CAAAAT.
YAAAAAHH~
SUCH AN ADORABLE KITTEN~~~
Ugh ugh ugh ugh—
YOU CAN'T KISS HIM!
Gimme a kiss!
Smooch
Smooch
Smooch!
Hey! My sister... I'm not a cat, okay?!
SO CUTE, SO CUUUTE~
GIVE HIM BACK!
Aaahhh~

Papaaaaaaa~
Papaaaaaaa~
Waaaaah~
COME ON! BOTH OF YOU HAVE TO CHANGE CLOTHES!
I don't wannaaa~
I don't wannaaa~
I MADE A LOT OF SUUUUPER, SUPER ADORABLE CLOTHES!
PLAY AS MUCH AS YOU WANT!
WOW! YOU'RE HAVING SO MUCH FUN, JACKY!
Papaaaaaa~
Papaaa~
DENSE PAPA, POOR CHILD...
Papaaaaa~
Our home hasn't been this lively for a long time. This is great!
Heh heh heh...

WAAAAAHH~ SUPER CUUUUUTE~
UNBEARABLY CUUUUUTE~


Totally afraid of resisting...
SUPER EVIL POWER—
cuuute!
strike a pose like this—
This fellow has been separated from the situation from beginning to the end.
I WILL BE A FUTURE TOP FASHION DESIGNER!
TAKE A PICTURE, TAKE A PICTURE!
TAKE A PICTURE, TAKE A PICTURE!
CLICK CLICK!
TAKE A PICTURE, TAKE A PICTURE!
And I'm the only one who can wear the clothes you design?
Emily, eleven years old this year.
I CAN POST THESE PHOTOS ON MY BLOG,
AND LET EVERYONE SEE MY DESIGNS!

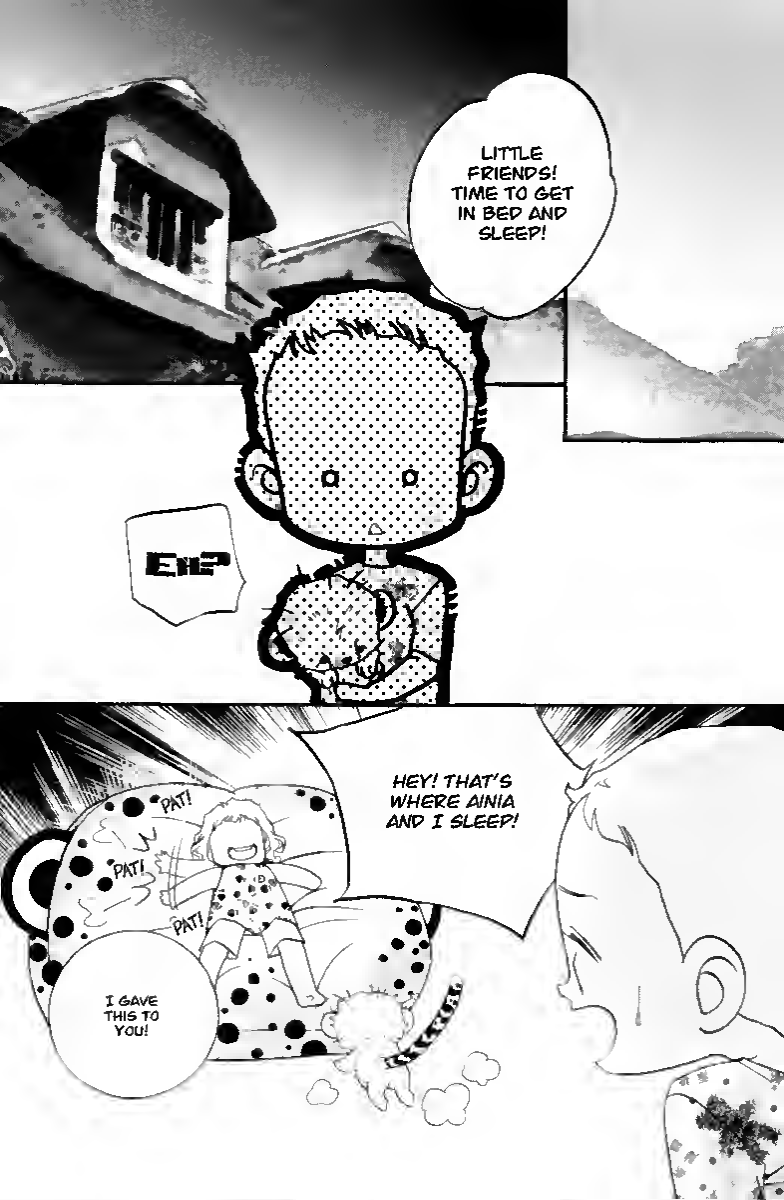
Perhaps it was because she's an only child, and always longed for a younger brother or sister,
that the moment she saw Jacky,
The first time she appeared at this place was the year when Jacky's Mama passed away
when she came with family members to attend the funeral
she was very, very happy...

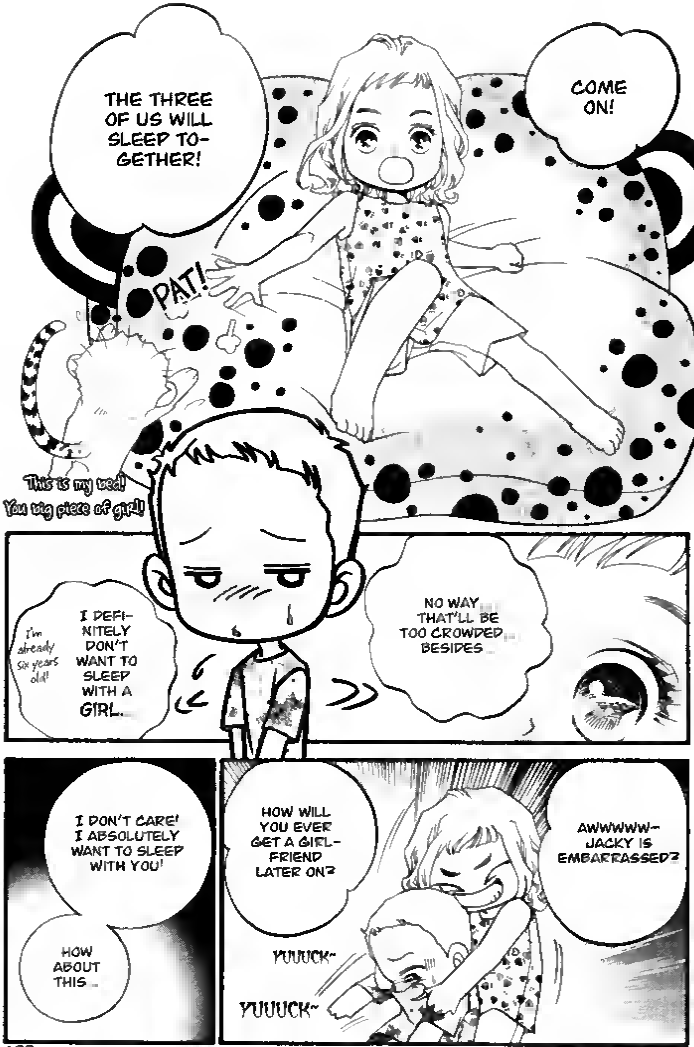
that her way of "loving" Jacky is a bit rough, causing Jacky to be afraid of her whenever he sees her.

But when summer vacation ends and Emily returns to America, he cries like there is no tomorrow.

They are both lonely children...
AINIA, COME HERE!
COME HERE!
HE DEFI-NITELY WON'T GO OVER TO YOU...
WHY?

WHAT?
Dumbfounded... completely clueless...
IT MEANS HE HATES YOU!
LISTEN... HE GOES "GRRRRR" THE MOMENT HE SEES YOU.
TCH!
Still dazed.
GRR! GRRR!
GRR! GRRR!
Aww, hurry up and go "grrrrrr!" hurry!
Chee...
YOU CAN'T BE SO NAUGHTY! GET OVER HERE!
WAAAH~
YOU LITTLE BRATS!
STOP FOOLING AROUND!
Ah!


LITTLE FRIENDS! TIME TO GET IN BED AND SLEEP!
EH?
HEY! THAT'S WHERE AINIA AND I SLEEP!
PAT!
PAT!
PAT!
I GAVE THIS TO YOU!


THE THREE OF US WILL SLEEP TOGETHER!
COME ON!
PAT!
This is my bed! You big piece of girl!!
I'm already six years old!
I DEFINITELY DON'T WANT TO SLEEP WITH A GIRL...
NO WAY THAT'LL BE TOO CROWDED BESIDES...
I DON'T CARE! I ABSOLUTELY WANT TO SLEEP WITH YOU!
HOW ABOUT THIS...
HOW WILL YOU EVER GET A GIRLFRIEND LATER ON?
YUUUCK~
YUUUCK~
AWWWWW~ JACKY IS EMBARRASSED?

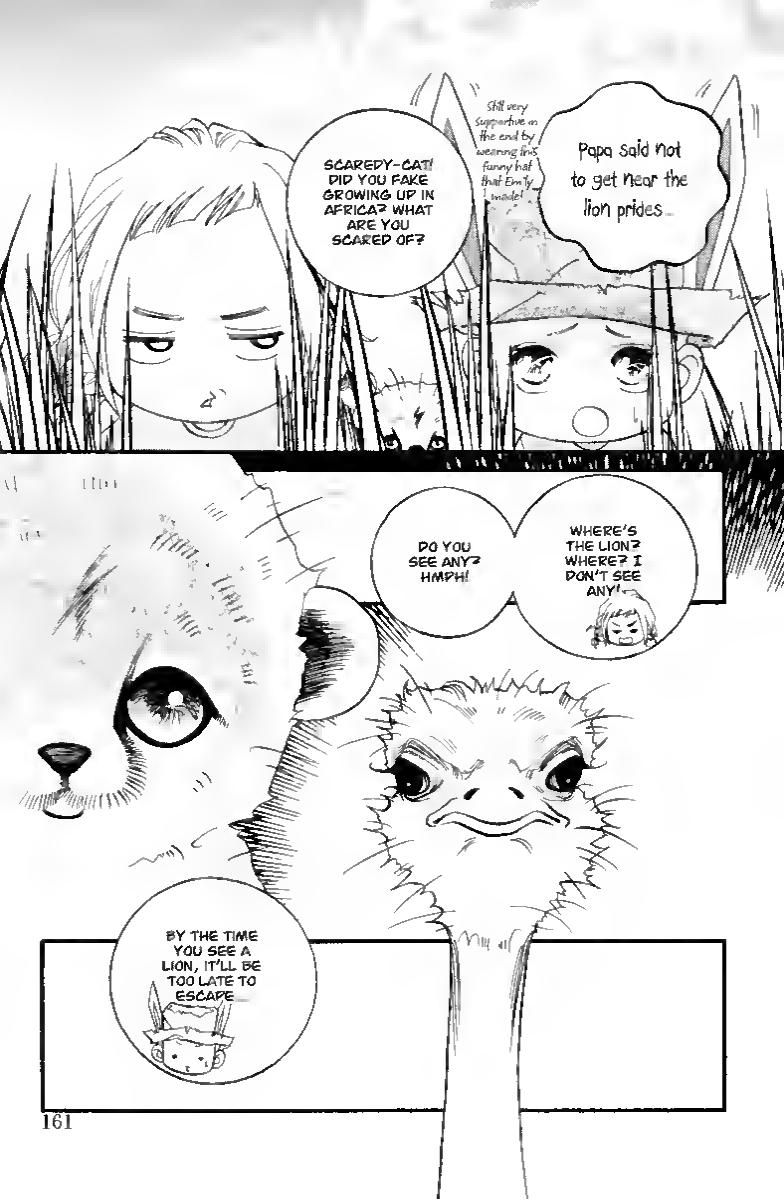
YOU CAN PRETEND THAT I'M YOUR MAMA.
Ehehehe...
THEN YOU WON'T BE SHY SINCE YOU ARE SLEEPING WITH MAMA!

Emily is very
gentle...

Snoooore~
Snoooore~
AH!
Time to get up, Jacky! Sleepy head!
YAAAAAAAA~~~~

LA LA LA LAAAAA~
WHAT SHOULD I HAVE JACKY WEAR TODAY?
Ever since Emily came, I get dragged out of bed like this every day..... sob....
THIS ONE!
NO WAY!
TRY IT ON!
Snoooore~
NO!

Oh?
Heh heh...
DON'T GET TOO CLOSE TO LION PRIDES AND HYENAS! BE CAREFUL!
CHEETAH
CHEETAH
ARE YOU GOING OUT TO PLAY?
TAH...
TAH. SAVE MEEEE...
TAHH...

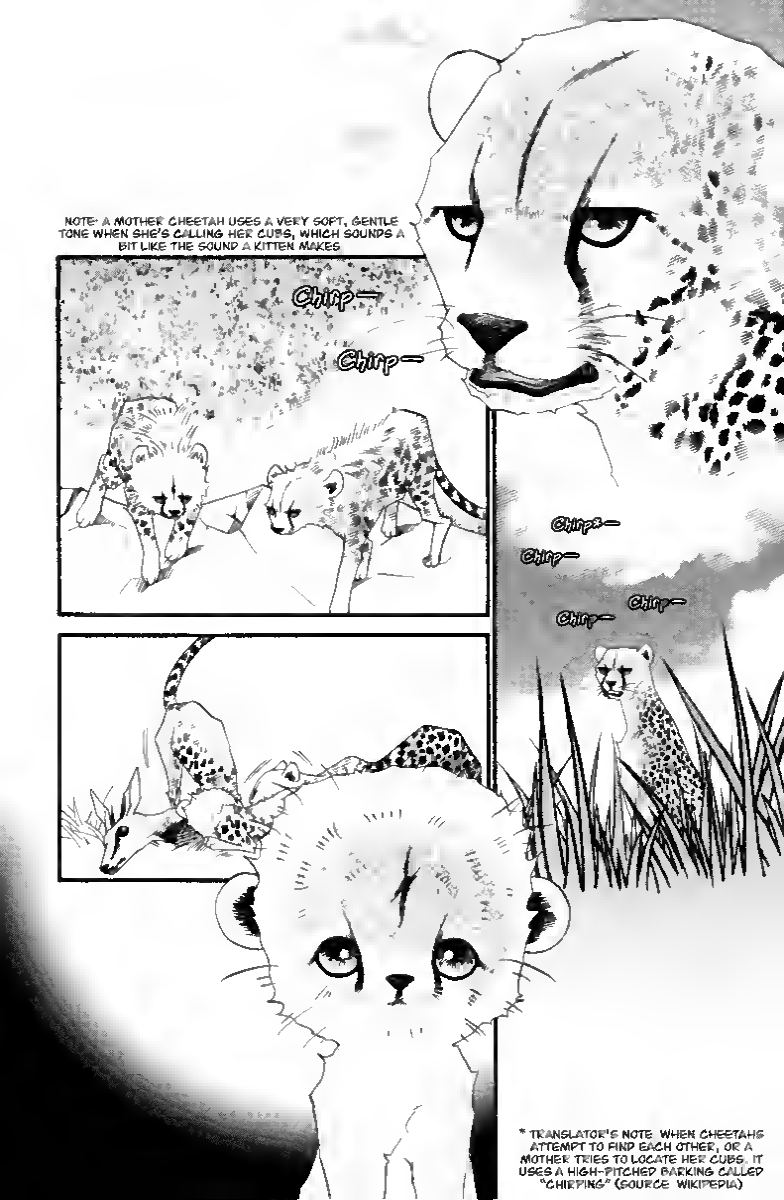

Papa said not to get near the lion prides...
Still very supportive in the end by wearing Em's funny hat that Em'ly made!
SCAREDY-CAT! DID YOU FAKE GROWING UP IN AFRICA? WHAT ARE YOU SCARED OF?
WHERE'S THE LION? WHERE? I DON'T SEE ANY!
DO YOU SEE ANY? HMPH!
BY THE TIME YOU SEE A LION, IT'LL BE TOO LATE TO ESCAPE...

Ainia!

Gugugugu~~~~
Gugugugu~~~~
Gulululuuuu~~~~
Gulululuuuu~~~~

Gulululuuu~~~~
Gugu guuu~~~ lululuuu~~~~
Gulululuuu~~~
HAHAHAHAHAHAAAA!!!
WAHAHAHAHAAA!!!
WHOOSH

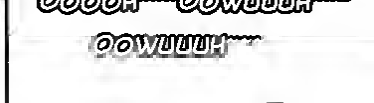
FWOOOOSH

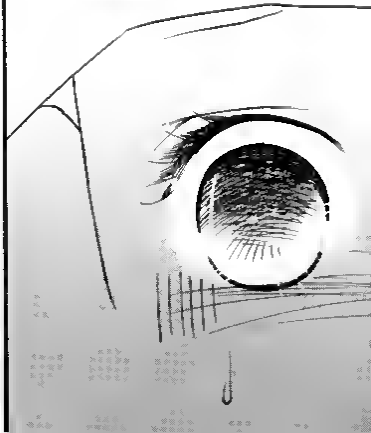

NOTE: A MOTHER CHEETAH USES A VERY SOFT, GENTLE TONE WHEN SHE'S CALLING HER CUBS, WHICH SOUNDS A BIT LIKE THE SOUND A KITTEN MAKES
Chirp—
Chirp—
Chirp—
Chirp—
Chirp—
Chirp—
* TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: WHEN CHEETAHS ATTEMPT TO FIND EACH OTHER, OR A MOTHER TRIES TO LOCATE HER CUBS, IT USES A HIGH-PITCHED BARKING CALLED "CHIRPING" (SOURCE: WIKIPEDIA)

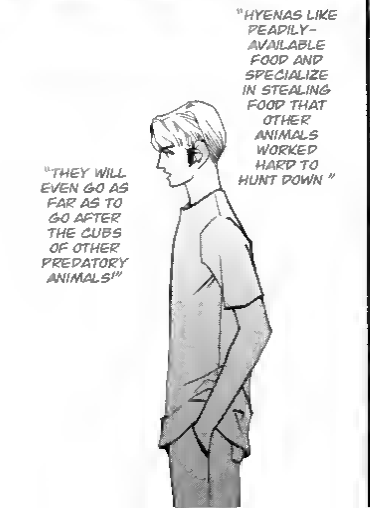
AINIA! DON'T GET TOO CLOSE TO THEM!
COME BACK HERE!
WUUUH~~~
OOWUUUH~~~

Hye. hyenas? Are those dogs?
Run hyenas are here
They're not the same

WUWUUU~~~
OOOOH~~~OOWUUUH~~~


OOOOH~~~OOWUUUH~~~
OOWUUUH~~~

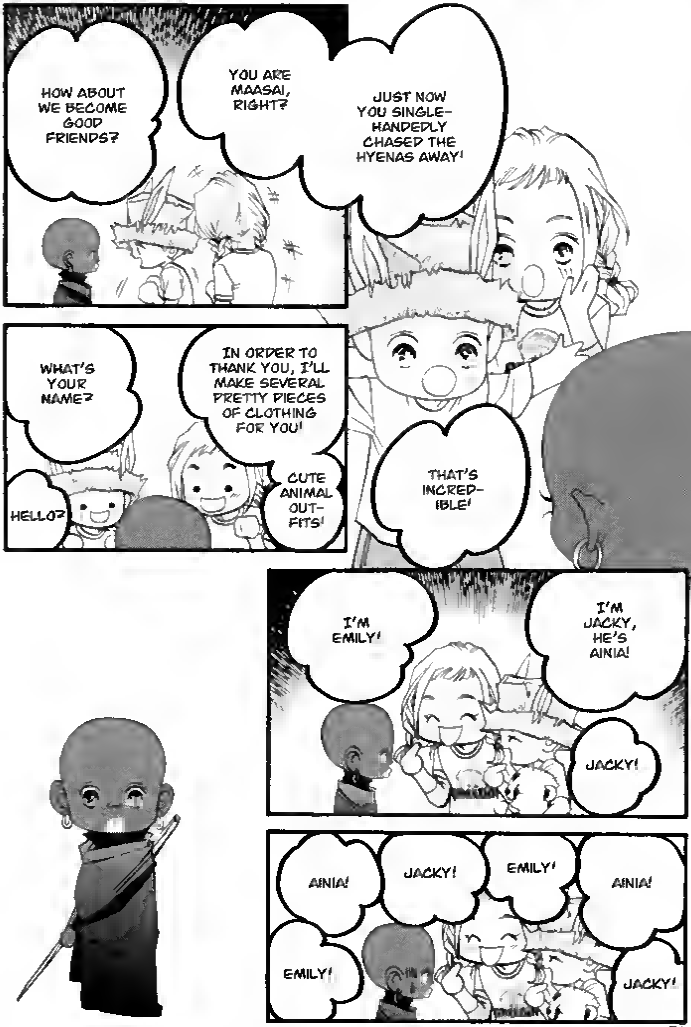



"HYENAS LIKE READILY-AVAILABLE FOOD AND SPECIALIZE IN STEALING FOOD THAT OTHER ANIMALS WORKED HARD TO HUNT DOWN"
"THEY WILL EVEN GO AS FAR AS TO GO AFTER THE CUBS OF OTHER PREDATORY ANIMALS!"

GROWL
AINIA!
JACKY, YOU CAN'T GO OVER THERE!
YI-LU-LEI—
CLACK!

SUO-
LU!
SUO-
LU!
SUO-
LU!

WU-
YI-LI—
YING-
GU-LU-
LEI?
No response since he doesn't understand
WAIT A MINUTE! HEY!
AINIA...


HOW ABOUT WE BECOME GOOD FRIENDS?
YOU ARE MAASAI, RIGHT?
JUST NOW YOU SINGLE-HANDEDLY CHASED THE HYENAS AWAY!
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
IN ORDER TO THANK YOU, I'LL MAKE SEVERAL PRETTY PIECES OF CLOTHING FOR YOU!
HELLO?
CUTE ANIMAL OUTFITS!
THAT'S INCREDIBLE!
I'M EMILY!
I'M JACKY, HE'S AINIA!
JACKY!
AINIA!
JACKY!
EMILY!
AINIA!
EMILY!
JACKY!

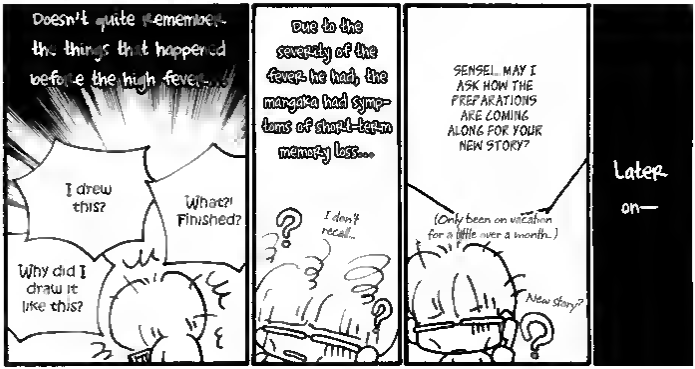
Auma and I have a new friend, a little Maasai warrior named "Luwah!"

To be continued

Wait half a year for the next scheduled spot?
So, that means...
Heh heh...
The mangaka wraps up a long series that lasted ten years...
I'm free!
Yahoo! I'm finished drawing!
Something to say—
Hand in the drafts!
Hand in the drafts!
Yours will have to wait half a year for the next scheduled spot...
It's like this sensei— because the quantity of Japanese drafts is over flowing.
EDITOR
Oh?

Lol...
All his friends know that he's pompet-thon dad, so pomf that even the powerful ghost won't dare to mess with him. He's a powerful pecan-pie-eating, gelatinously pomf- devil!
The mangaka probably was crazy to call him...
A month in Europe?
do you want to join me?
Hey hey hey! I want to go travel in Europe for a month,
Yaaay~ Vacatiooon~
I'm going abrooaad~

Nearly all his brain cells were watered up, and his physical strength was severely diminished, so he was unable to leave his house for a month...
YAY! I'll book the plane tickets right away!
Of course! I haven't traveled outside of the country in 7 years! I'll go even if I have to borrow high-interest rate loans! I'm ready to risk everything~~~
As luck would have it, the mangaka got sick with the most serious flu he's ever gotten in his life. He had a fever of 104 every day for an entire week, to the point that he couldn't even tell what it meant to have a fever... plus, there were several days of torrential downpours, so he couldn't even go to see a doctor!


Doesn't quite remember the things that happened before the high fever...
I drew this?
What?! Finished?
Why did I draw it like this?
Due to the severity of the fever, he had the mangaka had symptoms of short-term memory loss...
I don't recall...
SENSEI, MAY I ASK HOW THE PREPARATIONS ARE COMING ALONG FOR YOUR NEW STORY?
(Only been on vacation for a little over a month...)
New story?
Later on—

But he still couldn't fit into the pants from 7 years ago, before he started to get fat...
Just how much did I gain in these 7 years?
Another illness will enable you to return to the thinness of former days, depending on whether or not you want to...
I don't even know what I want to draaaw~
Start earlier?! Impossible!
IT'S LIKE THIS... BECAUSE THERE WERE SOME CHANGES WITH THE JAPANESE DRAFTS, YOU MAY NEED TO START YOUR SERIAL 5 MONTHS EARLIER...
Y-you played with my feelings! I hate youuuu~
Uh... we may have to cancel...
The greatest assault inflicted by starting the serial earlier was on the self-guided European tour...
At least there was some consolation, as the mangaka lost weight due to that high fever, and it was a timely loss...
That's great... I don't have to worry about looking like a fat pig in the pictures taken abroad...
Waah~ London is even better! Uh-huh!
The said alternative was to change it to an eight-day-tour to London...
These two are British Rock 'n' Roll fans...

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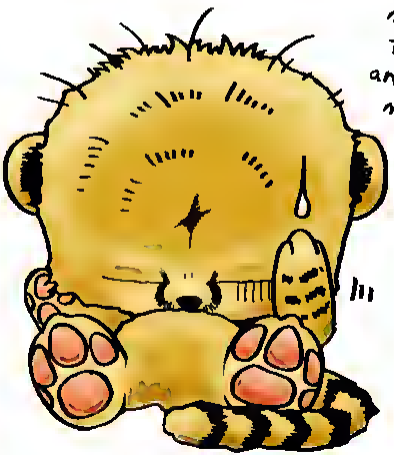

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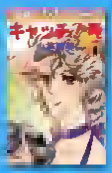

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